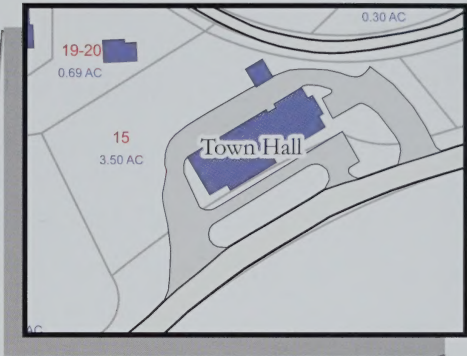


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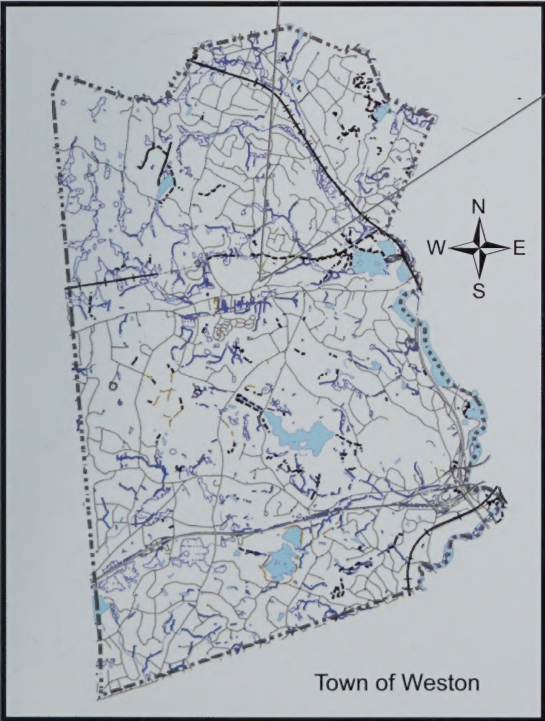
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Neighborhood View



TOWN OF WESTON - DIRECTORY

WESTON TOWN HALL

Town House Road, P. O. Box 378, Weston, MA 02493 (781) 893-7320

Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

*All departments marked * are located in Town Hall, Town House Road*

EMERGENCY 9-1-1
AMBULANCE 9-1-1
FIRE 9-1-1
Non-emergency
(781) 893-2372 or (781) 893-2324
POISON INFORMATION 1-800-682-9211

POLICE 9-1-1
Non-emergency (781) 893-4803
NSTAR
Report Power Outage 1-800-592-2000
KEYSPAN
Report Gas Leak 1-800-233-5325

Animal Control (781) 893-4803
c/o Police Department
180 Boston Post Road By-Pass

Board of Appeals* (781) 893-7320 ext. 322
FAX: (781) 529-0112

Board of Assessors* (781) 893-7320 ext. 312
FAX (781) 529-0106

Assistant Town Manager*
(781) 893-7320 ext. 306
FAX: (781) 891-3697

Brook School Apartments (781) 893-7238
44 School Street FAX: (call first) (781) 529-0144

Building Department* (781) 893-7320 ext. 323
FAX: (781) 529-0112
8:30 -10 a.m. & 4 - 5 p.m., M-F

Cable TV Studio (781) 642-8508
44 School Street

Cemetery Dept. DPW (781) 893-1263 ext 16
FAX: (781) 899-5690
190 Boston Post Road By-Pass (Route 20)

Conservation Commission*
(781) 893-7320 ext. 322
FAX: (781) 529-0112

Council on Aging (781) 893-0154
FAX: (781) 529-0142
Weston Community Center, 20 Alphabet Lane

Dog Officer *See Animal Control*
(781) 893-4803

Elderly Housing, (781) 893-7238
FAX: (call first) (781) 529-0144
44 School Street

Emergency Management (781) 893-2323
c/o Fire Department

Fire Department 911 or (781) 893-2323
Other business (781) 893-2372
394 Boston Post Road FAX (781) 893-1434

Board of Health* (781) 893-7320 ext. 330
FAX (781) 529-0105

Highway Division, DPW (781) 893-1263
FAX: (781) 899-5690
190 Boston Post Road By-Pass (Route 20)

Information Systems* (781) 893-7320 ext. 325

Library (781) 893-3312
87 School Street FAX: (781) 529-0173

*Tues. & Thurs. -- 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.,
Wed. -- 12 noon. to 9 p.m.
Mon. & Fri. -- 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;
Sat. -- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sun. - -2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Sept. - June only)*

Mosquito Control, (781) 899-5730
FAX: (781) 647-4988
11 Sun St., Waltham 02453-4101

Parking Clerk* (781) 893-7320 ext. 309
M-W-F 9am-1 pm: Tu-Th 9 am - 3 pm.

Park & Cemetery Dept. DPW
(781) 893-1263 ext 16
FAX: (781) 899-5690
190 Boston Post Road By-Pass (Route 20)

**REPORTS OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS OF
WESTON,
MASSACHUSETTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2005**



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CALENDAR*

Board of Selectmen - Normally meets on 2nd & 4th
Tuesdays - 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall

Call Selectmen's Office
(781) 893-7320, ext. 308
or email zeytoonjian.l@westonmass.org

School Committee - Normally meets twice per month on
Mondays at Case House

Call School Info Line, (781) 529-8092
Superintendent's Office, 529-8080
or check www.westonschools.org

Planning Board - Normally meets Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
at Town Hall

Call Planning Board Office,
(781) 893-7320, ext. 321 or 323

Board of Health - Normally meets the 3rd Wednesday of
each month, 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall

Call Board of Health,
(781) 893-7320 ext 332
or check www.westonboh.org

Recreation Commission - Normally meets on 1st or 2nd
Tuesday of each month, at 7:45 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Call Recreation Department,
(781) 529-0203

Board of Library Trustees - Normally meets the 2nd
Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m. at the Library

Call Library (781) 893-331, ext. 228

Commissioners of Trust Funds - Meets on an as-needed
basis, generally once per quarter, at Town Hall

Call Treasurer's Office
(781) 893-7320 ext 315

Board of Assessors - Normally meets twice per month
(more frequently from December-March) on Tuesdays,
6:45 p.m. at Town Hall

Call Assessors' Office
(781) 893-7320 ext. 312

Board of Appeals - Normally meets Mondays, 7:30 p.m.,
Town Hall

Call Board of Appeals Office,
(781) 893-7320, ext. 322 or 323

Conservation Commission - Normally meets Tuesday,
7:30 p.m., Town Hall

Call Conservation Commission Office,
(781) 893-7320, ext. 322 or 323

Historical Commission - Normally meets Tuesday,
7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Call Planning Board Office,
(781) 893-7320, ext. 321 or 323

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES

(as of December 31, 2005)

Senators in Congress

Edward M. Kennedy, Squaw Island, Barnstable
John F. Kerry, Boston

Representative in Congress, Seventh
Congressional District

Edward J. Markey, Malden

Councilor, Third District

Marilyn Petitto Devaney, Watertown

State Senator, Fifth Middlesex District

Susan C. Fargo, Lincoln

Representative in General Court,
Fourteenth Norfolk District

Alice Hanlon Peich, Wellesley

*All schedules subject to change - Call offices listed or check Calendar of Meetings at www.weston.org

STATISTICS

	Year Ending 30-Jun-05	Year Ending 30-Jun-04	Year Ending 30-Jun-03	Year Ending 30-Jun-02	Year Ending 30-Jun-01	Year Ending 30-Jun-00	Year Ending 30-Jun-99	Year Ending 30-Jun-98
Population (1)	11,022	10,982	11,200	11,110	11,388	11,555	11,055	11,103
Number of Voters (1)	7,162	7,311	6,939	7,697	7,162	7,317	7,190	7,128
Number of Dwelling Houses (2)	3,467	3,469	3,466	3,454	3,429	3,431	3,413	3,394
School Membership (3)	2,301	2,330	2,299	2,254	2,215	2,149	2,062	1,971
Valuation of Real Estate	\$ 4,828,065,700	\$ 4,598,335,700	\$ 4,278,223,200	\$ 3,549,228,700	\$ 2,519,704,300	\$ 2,472,873,200	\$ 2,426,304,400	\$ 2,006,045,900
Valuation of Personal Property	27,474,300	26,287,100	25,948,000	21,315,100	18,928,200	18,506,200	17,268,300	15,595,000
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 4,855,540,000	\$ 4,625,622,800	\$ 4,304,171,200	\$ 3,570,543,800	\$ 2,538,632,500	\$ 2,491,379,400	\$ 2,443,572,700	\$ 2,021,550,900
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation	\$ 9.95	\$ 9.67	\$ 10.15	\$ 10.14	\$ 12.92	\$ 11.97	\$ 11.73	\$ 13.37
Town Debt	\$ 55,662,131	\$ 52,996,864	\$ 52,252,851	\$ 47,800,838	\$ 43,639,762	\$ 27,350,016	\$ 10,921,270	\$ 12,175,000

(1) Population is as of January 1. The number of registered voters is as of December 31.

(2) Does not include 99 units in Jericho Village, 93 units at Norumbega Point, 62 units in Merriam Village and 76 units in Brook School Apartments.

(3) School year ending June 30: average membership as of October 1 of the previous year.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

As of December 31, 2005

ELECTED BY THE VOTERS

	<u>Terms Expire</u>		<u>Terms Expire</u>
Moderator		Town Clerk	
Robert M. Buchanan	2006	Mary Elizabeth Nolan	2007

Board of Selectmen			
Douglas P. Gillespie, Chair	2007	Ann G. Leibowitz <i>elected to fill vacancy</i>	2006
Michael H. Harrity	2008		

Board of Assessors			
Gary C. Koger, Chair	2006	Phyllis R. Kominz	2006
David C. Bennett	2007	Alan T. Orth	2008
Janice M. Glynn	2008		

School Committee			
Wendy Spector, Chair	2007	Maryanne R. Rogers	2006
Edward E. Heller	2007	Bella T. Wong	2008
Robert Anthony Nolan	2006		

Recreation Commission			
Gregory Czarnowski, Chair	2006	Ellen Pendergast	2008
Robert Crowley	2007	James I. Rubens	2008
Robert C. Millen, Jr.	2006	Victoria A. Whalen	2007

Planning Board			
Alfred L. Aydelott, Chair	2009	Pamela W. Fox	2007
Lee C. Fernandez <i>(resigned)</i>	2008	David O. Mendelsohn	2010
Stephanie A. Kelly ¹	2006	Susan Jane Zacharias	2006

¹ Appointed to fill vacancy by the Board together with the Board of Selectmen

Board of Health

Nicholas G. Guerina, MD, Chair	2007	Peter K. Taylor	2006
Carl A. Hirsch	2008		

Board of Library Trustees

William D. Hartmann, Chair	2006	Charles (Tod) Foote	2006
Diana S. Coates	2008	Rebekah L. Gardiner	2007
Barbara F. Coburn	2007	Joseph W. Mullin	2008

Measurers of Lumber

David C. Bennett	2006	Barrett W. Gilchrist	2006
Rosemary Broton Boyle	2006		

Commissioners of Trust Funds

Charles M. Ganson, Jr., Chair	2008	Edward W. Weld	2007
Thomas E. Bator	2006		

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN OR THE TOWN MANAGER[#]

<p>Town Manager Carl F. Valente (resigned) 2005</p> <p>Assistant Town Manager & Director of Finance & Administration Donna S. VanderClock</p> <p>Human Resources Director Lisa J. Yanakakis 2006</p> <p>Town Accountant Chitra Subramanian 2006</p> <p>Town Counsel Kopelman & Paige, P.C.</p> <p>Treasurer & Collector David B. Okun</p> <p>Public Works Department, Director of Operations Robert Hoffman</p> <p>Town Engineer Stephen R. Fogg</p>	<p>Acting Town Manager Donna S. VanderClock</p> <p>East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project, Commissioner Richard Sullivan</p> <p>Tree Warden Paul L. Brackett 2006</p> <p>Chief of Police & Keeper of Lockup Steven F. Shaw 2006</p> <p>Chief of Department & Forest Warden Edmund M. Walker 2008</p> <p>Director of Emergency Management Edmund M. Walker</p> <p>Inspector of Buildings and Wires & Sealer of Weights and Measures Courtney W. Atkinson</p> <p>Veterans' Agent, Veterans' Services Director & Veterans' Burial Agent Donald L. Bumpus</p>
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[#] Where no term of office is indicated, the appointment is at the Pleasure of the Selectmen or the Town Manager.

Veterans' Grave Officer

George Frazee Amadon

Dog Officer and Pound Keeper

Robert F. Cronin

Parking Clerk

Lucy K. Saunders

Fence Viewers

John J. Havlicek

Elizabeth F. Hestnes

Field Drivers

Sandra S. Gee

Public Weighers

Walter Mulcahy

Daniel Nourse

John Place

Kenneth C. Sutherland

Kevin H. Whittemore

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Council on Aging

Joan M. Parrish, Chair	2009	Irvonne Moran	2006
Arnold Barnes	2008	Mercedes Primer	2006
Roger M. Burke	2006	Mary Pughe (<i>to fill vacancy</i>)	2007
Laura Sue Efron	2008	Rev. Suzanne R. Spencer	2007
Mary Tigg Johnson	2009	Joan Van Pelt (<i>resigned</i>)	2007
Vivienne Kalman	2006	Richard Wohlers	2009

Committee for Implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Paul J. Donahue, Jr.	2006	Marilyn N. Jacobs	2006
Miguel Gomez-Ibanez	2006		

Board of Appeals*Members*

Wendy Kaplan Armour, Chair	2006
Peter C. Knight	2007
Winifred I. Li	2006

Associate Members

Jane F. Carlson	2008
Marc Margulies	2006
Elizabeth H. Munro	2006

Brook School Apartments Building Committee (*est. 2003*)

William E. Cress, Chair	2006	Jack Heine (<i>ex officio</i>)	2006
Steven Charlip (<i>ex officio</i>)	2006	Harris Levitt	2006
Connie Davis <i>ex officio</i>	2006	David Kane	2006

Cable Advisory Committee

Edwin E. Smith, Chair	2006	John Blanchard (<i>ex officio</i>)	2006
F. Douglas Garron	2006	Peter Kidwell (<i>ex officio</i>)	2006
Lee McCanne	2006		

Representatives to the Cambridge Watershed Advisory Committee

Ripley Hastings	2006	Mary Ann Pappanikou	2006
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Case Estates Review Committee

Kathleen B. McCahan	Ella "Winky" Merrill
Norman A. Berg	Henry S. Reeder
Elizabeth S. Ericson	William C. Stevenson
William W. Gallagher	Harold Hestnes <i>(Special Consultant)</i>

Conservation Commission

George P. Bates, Chair	2006	Janette Patel	2008
Thomas C. Chalmers	2007	Joyce Schwartz	2006
Brian Donahue	2006	Marilyn Zacharis	2008
Gustav Fleischmann, III	2007		

Crescent Street Historic District Commission

Alfred L. Aydelott, Chair	2006	Patricia Mansfield	2008
George F. Amadon	2006	Anna Melone Pollock	2008
Catherine Adams Fiske	2008		

Weston Cultural Council

Lynn R. Taff, Chair	2007	Beth C. Schlager	2007
Alison T. Braunstein	2007	Lynne S. Weber	2006
Meredith L. Eppel	2007		

Historical Commission

Judith Markland, Chair	2007	Diane G. Hubbard <i>(resigned)</i>	2007
Alfred L. Aydelott	2006	Marisa Morra	2008
Robert Fronk	2007	Laura P. Sher	2006
Louis Hruska	2008	Vacancy – 1	

Associate Members

Keith B. Gross	Alicia Primer
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Historical Archives Committee

Glynn Edwards	Deborah Davenport
Carol Snow	Madeline Mullin

Housing Needs Committee

(Appointed under Article 14 of Warrant for May 19, 1986, Annual Town Meeting)

L. Edward Lashman, Chair	2006	Gene S. Castillo	2006
Linda M. Abegglen	2006	William H. Donnelly	2006
Richard D. Batchelder <i>(resigned)</i>	2006	Joan Parrish	2006
James Brenner <i>(resigned)</i>	2006	Vacancies – 2	

Hurricane Katrina Committee

Marybelle H. Cochran	Lenore Z. Lobel
Sally W. Currier	Elizabeth H. Munro
Robbie S. Lacritz Dietch	

MBTA Advisory Board Representative	H. Bentley Crouch <i>(deceased)</i>	2005
	Vacancy (1)	

Trustees of the Merriam Fund

Ellen Pendergast	2007	Patricia Shotwell	2006
Linda Perrin	2006	Reverend Dr. Thomas Wintle	2006

Traffic and Sidewalk Advisory Committee

Robert A. Mosher, Sr., Chair	2006	John C. Ryan	2006
David P. Bell	2006	<i>Ex Officio members:</i>	
Elizabeth K. Hayes	2006	Steven Shaw, Police Chief	
William J. McCarthy	2006	Edmund Walker, Fire Chief	
Denise W. Mosher	2006	Stephen Fogg, Town Engineer	
Eugene C. Ritvo	2006		

Tree Advisory Group

Nina Danforth, Chair	2006	Elmer Jones	2006
Paul L. Brackett (<i>ex officio</i>)	2006	Ruth Leiby	2006
Jonathan Bransfield (<i>resigned</i>)	2006	Barbara Kirkpatrick	2006
Susan E. Dumaine (<i>resigned</i>)	2006	(<i>Vacancies - 2</i>)	

Weston Community Coalition Representative

Douglas W. MacDougall

Constable to Serve Civil Process

Robert P. Millian, Jr June 30, 2006

APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

Finance Committee

Stephen W. Ober, Co-Chair	2006	Jeri F. Cooper	2008
Stephen Peachier, Co-Chair	2007	Warren J. Napthal	2008
James R. Beams	2007	Charles G. Pohl	2008
Lisa Stover Bertelson	2006	James J. Ricotta (<i>to fill vacancy</i>)	2007
Katharine D. Chace	2006		

Weston Elderly Housing Committee

(*Appointed under Article 19 of Warrant for May 9, 1977, Annual Town Meeting*)

John Heine, Chair	2006	J. Matthew Gardiner	2006
Steven L. Charlip	2007	Melvyn Lurie (<i>resigned</i>)	2007
Marcy Dorna	2008	Carol Ott	2007

Memorial Day Committee

Beverly Dillaway, Chair	Susan Hughes
Jed Diehl	Cornelia Newell

Member Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School Committee

David B. Harmon *Term to expire June 30, 2008*

Weston International Affiliation Committee

Residents and Parents of Weston High School Students:

Carol Fizer, Co-Chair	2006	Emily L. Hutcheson	2008
Henriette Power, Co-Chair	2006	Hitsako Johnson	2007
Susan Coppock	2008	Semina Karasch	2007
Tania Deary	2007	Ellen Touart-Grob	2006
Peter Endicott	2008	Wendy Teplow	2008

School Staff:

James Smith	2006	Kim Young	2006
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Students:

Ayaas Bhamla	2006	Fernanda Mattozo	2006
Candace Couper	2006	Fred Stiehl	2006
Ardy Farhadi	2006		

Traffic and Sidewalk Advisory Committee

Robert A. Mosher, Sr., Chair	2006	John C. Ryan	2006
David P. Bell	2006	<i>Ex Officio members:</i>	
Elizabeth K. Hayes	2006	Steven Shaw, Police Chief	
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School Staff:

James Smith	2006	Kim Young	2006
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Students:

Ayaas Bhamla	2006	Fernanda Mattozo	2006
Candace Couper	2006	Fred Stiehl	2006
Ardy Farhadi	2006		

Weston War Memorial Education Fund Committee

(Appointed under Article 13 of Warrant for March 23, 1953, Annual Town Meeting)

Robert C. Millen, Jr., Chair	2008	Claude Valle, III	2009
Hugh W. Chandler	2010	Eileen M. Watson	2006
Donald E. Pierson	2007		

APPOINTED BY OTHER AUTHORITIES

Appointed by the Town Clerk

Assistant Town Clerk	J. Ward Carter	2005
	Deborah Davenport	<i>(to serve at the Pleasure of the Town Clerk)</i>

Appointed by the Board of Health

Health Director	Wendy Diotalevi, R.S.
Inspectors of Animals	Neil Storey, DVM
Agents to Issue Burial Permits	Wendy Diotalevi, R.S. <i>Health Director</i>
Sharon Bonica	Peter Taylor, PE
Nick Guerina, M.D., PhD	Marie Tobin, R.N., MS
Beth Koch, <i>Health Agent</i>	Lisbeth C. Zeytoonjian
M. Elizabeth Nolan	

Appointed by the Historical Commission

Josiah Smith Tavern Committee)

John Sallay, Chair <i>(resigned)</i>	2007	Dennis Saylor <i>(resigned)</i>	2006
Alfred L. Aydelott	2007	Henry Stone	2006
Irverne H. Moran	2006	<i>Vacancies (2)</i>	

Appointed by the Building Inspector

Deputy Inspectors of Buildings	J. Russell Leonard
Inspector of Wires	Oscar LeBlanc
Deputy Inspector of Wires	Timothy Kelly
	Leo Landry
Inspector of Plumbing and Gas	Edward F. Perilli
Deputy Inspector of Plumbing and Gas	Robert Hauptman

Appointed by the Recreation Commission:

Weston Athletic Field Master Plan Committee

<i>Representing Recreation</i>	Gregory Czarnowski Jim Rubens Douglas MacDougall
<i>Representing the Schools</i>	Peter Foley Edward Heller Judith Belliveau
<i>Representing Youth Baseball</i>	Bill Burchard Roger Kane
<i>Representing Youth Soccer</i>	John Power Bill McCabe
<i>Representing Weston Skating</i>	Jim McLoughlin
<i>Representing High School Boosters</i>	Geoff Blum
<i>Representing Youth Lacrosse</i>	Mark Perry
<i>Other</i>	Simon Strong
<i>(to serve at the Pleasure of the Recreation Commission)</i>	

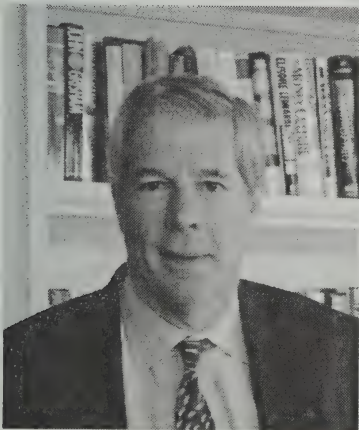
Community Preservation Committee

<i>Member</i>	<i>Appointed by</i>	<i>Term to Expire</i>
J. Ward Carter	Moderator	2006
Harold Hestnes	Moderator	2008
Lenore Zug Lobel	Moderator	2008
Kathleen McCahan	Moderator	2006
Brian Donahue	Conservation Commission	2007
Marisa Morra	Historical Commission	2007
Pamela Fox	Planning Board	2007
Katharine T. Smith	Board of Selectmen	2007
<i>Vacant</i>	Housing Needs Committee	2007



Douglas P. Gillespie
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

GENERAL GOVERNMENT



Michael H. Harrity
Selectman



Ann G. Leibowitz
Selectman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Calendar year 2005 began with Douglas P. Gillespie, Harold Hestnes and Joan B. Vernon serving as the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Vernon served as Chairman until her untimely death in February, and the remaining board members left the Chairman's position vacant until May Town meeting in her memory, while Mr. Gillespie served as Clerk. At Annual Town Election in May, Michael Harrity was elected to a three-year term on the Board, while Ann G. Leibowitz was elected to complete the one year remaining on Mrs. Vernon's term. At the organizational meeting, Mr. Gillespie was elected Chairman, and Mr. Harrity as Clerk.

The following report will highlight several areas that the Board of Selectmen devoted time and resources during the past year. Agendas and Minutes of meetings of the Board are available in the Selectmen's office and are posted on the Town's website (www.weston.org). Highlights include:

Fiscal Management

- The Town's most recent bond issue received a AAA bond rating from Standard and Poor's, as have previous bonds issued by the Town, representing the highest rating issued by this organization. This allows the Town to borrow at the most favorable interest rates for its capital projects.
- Faced with continued reductions in state aid, substantial increases in the cost of healthcare and pension benefits, and slowed growth in revenues, the Town faced a decision of seeking an override from the constraints of Proposition 2 ½ or budget reductions which reduced existing levels of core services. The Board of Selectmen, in concert with the Finance Committee and School Committee, recommended a budget that included a \$1.4 million override, which was passed by the voters and adopted at Town Meeting.
- The FY 2006 budget also began the process of properly funding numerous reserve accounts, a process that may take up to fifteen years to fully complete.
- The Board of Selectmen worked diligently with representatives of AWARE, a retired employee advocacy group, to bring equality and fairness to the health insurance benefits provided to our valued retirees. In October, the Board of Selectmen approved plan revisions supported by the AWARE board.
- The Town Manager and collective bargaining team completed negotiations for new three-year contracts with police, fire and public works employees. These contracts include provisions for increases in the percentage of health care costs which are paid by employees. A similar agreement was reached at year's end with the library employees, but union ratification was pending.
- The combined effect of increased property values and a reasonable and necessary spending level resulted in a property tax rate of \$9.95 per \$1,000 of valuation, up from \$9.46 for fiscal year 2005.

Town Administration

Weston is completing its fourth year since the change to a Town Manager. In June, our first Town Manager, Carl F. Valente, resigned his position to accept a new job as Town Manager in Lexington. The Board appointed Donna S. VanderClock, the Town's Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director, to serve as Acting Town Manager. Ms. VanderClock has capably maintained the high standard set by Mr. Valente's service to the Town. As required by Chapter 80 of the Acts of 2001, Weston's Town Manager Act, a citizens' committee was appointed to establish a process and screen applicants for the Town Manager position, bringing finalists to the Board for a final selection. It is expected that a Town Manager will be hired by April 2006.

The Town began operation of its Geographic Information Systems; a computerized mapping and data program to assist many of the Town departments in managing their systems. Employees were trained in GIS use, and early reports indicate that the multi-year investment in staff time and funding has been well worth it.

The Board of Selectmen established a formal procedure for advertising vacancies on many town boards and committees, in order to make the process open to all. The results from a few postings late in 2005 demonstrate how fortunate Weston is to have a continuing pool of knowledgeable volunteers willing to serve in town government.

Town Infrastructure

The Town continued to invest in the maintenance of its existing municipal facilities. Significant projects included:

- Completion of the DPW salt shed, including amenities to reduce the noise created by DPW operations on the adjacent residential neighborhood.
- New roofs were installed at both the Central Fire Station and Fire Station #2.

Land Use/Development Projects

- Harvard University notified the Town of its intent to sell its 60-acre Case Estates land holdings and offered the town the opportunity to buy it before it is placed on the open market. The Board established a committee of citizens to study potential future municipal and open space uses of this land and their financial implications for the Town.
- Regis College submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals requests for variances from requirements of the Town's zoning bylaws, to construct "Regis East," a senior living facility exceeding 700,000 square feet in size, and standing eleven stories tall at some points. The ZBA rejected the variance requests, and Regis College subsequently filed suit in Land Court. The Board of Selectmen is directing a rigorous legal defense of its zoning rights and bylaws, while hoping that a smaller-scaled plan can be found that provides Regis College with a bright future and is in keeping with the ambience so important to the Town.
- Annual Town Meeting approved by more than the required 2/3rd majority, a new zoning bylaw allowing Active Adult Retirement Districts. Also approved was the development plan for the first such overlay district, called "Highland Meadows." It is a 44 acre parcel of former Paine estate land located on Highland Street near its intersection with Boston Post Road. The project establishes an over-55 residential community of 69 units and includes the restoration of an 18th century house which will be part of 6 affordable housing units there.
- The Public Spaces Committee continued its efforts to improve landscaping at prominent traffic islands throughout Weston. This committee also coordinated the re-landscaping of gardens directly in front of Town Hall, through the generosity of Weston Nurseries of Hopkinton.
- The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and MWRA Weston Working Group finalized a plan enabling public access to land around Norumbega Reservoir for passive recreational purposes.
- Creation of an Agricultural Commission was approved at Town Meeting and a related Farm Preservation Bylaw was adopted in an attempt to preserve the farm heritage of the town and to continue to allow active commercial farming endeavors in our town.

Personnel

In addition to the departure of Town Manager Carl F. Valente, previously mentioned, the Board wishes to recognize that during 2005:

- Robert Hoffman was appointed as DPW Operations Director, replacing Richard Nota who did not seek reappointment after completing nine years in the position.
- Fire Captains Daniel J. Robertson and Peter Perrin and Call-Firefighter Robert G. Hutchinson retired.
- Town Clerk's Office Assistant Denise Johnson and Library Administrative Assistant Helen Olivo retired.

Closing Comments

The Board of Selectmen serves all of the citizens of Weston. This puts the Board in the challenging position of balancing town services at a level Weston citizens expect, with the hardship created on some citizens (often times seniors and others with limited income) by the highest residential property tax bills in Massachusetts. Responsible and prudent spending continued to be the major priority of the Board, and we believe that this goal was achieved in 2005.

The Town is fortunate to have the contributions and dedication of so many citizens who volunteer their time on a host of elected and appointed boards and committees, or related non-profit organizations. We also have an extremely dedicated and talented staff in all areas of town government. The Board of Selectmen cannot accomplish its plan of work without either, and to all of you we owe great gratitude.

LICENSES ISSUED BY SELECTMEN IN 2005

Common Victuallers' Licenses

Leethe, LLC - <i>dba</i> Bruegger's Bagel Bakery	21 Center Street
Campo De Fiori, LLC	37 Center Street
Alcot Corp. - <i>dba</i> Ye Olde Cottage Restaurant, Inc.	403 Boston Post Road
Dennis Maxwell/David Gray Associates - <i>dba</i> Dairy Joy	331 North Avenue
Off Center Eateries	436 R Boston Post Road
TOKC, inc. - <i>dba</i> The Open Kitchen	456 Boston Post Road

Licenses to Dispense Food and Beverages (Chapter 140, Section 21E, M.G.L.)

Hazel Hotchkiss Wightman Tennis Center	100 Brown Street
Pine Brook Country Club, Inc.	42 Newton Street
Weston Golf Club	275 Meadowbrook Road

Parades, Bicycle Tours and Road Races, etc.

The Brain Tumor Society	Bicycle Ride	May 15, 2005
WEEFC with the support of PTO	Walk/Run	May 22, 2005
Weston High School Class of 2007	Charity Walk	May 22, 2005
Little League of Weston	Opening Day	May 1, 2005
Little League of Weston	End of Season	June 12, 2005
Marathon Sports 5-Miler to Benefit the Leukemia Society of MA	Road Race	July 14, 2005

MASS Red Ribbon Ride-AIDS Action Committee	Bike Ride	August 14, 2005
Lovelane Special Needs Horseback Riding Program, Inc.	Susan McDaniel's Run 4	
Tour de Weston -- Kids Riding for People Living with Cancer	Love Road Race	September 17, 2005
Rotary Club of Weston	Children's Ride	October 2, 2005
Weston United Methodist Church	Antique Car Show	September 24, 2005
Weston Community Children's Association	Crop Walk	October 23, 2005
Weston High School	Halloween Parade	October 29, 2005
	Cancer Walk	November 6, 2005

Public Entertainment on Sunday

Weston-Wayland Open Spring Horse Show	Horse Show	May 1, 2005
Weston-Wayland Open Spring Horse Show	Trail Ride	October 30, 2005

Other

Robert P. Millian	Private Livery Service
Weston Transportation Services, Inc.	Private Livery Service

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

During 2005, the Cable Advisory Committee monitored programming on the Weston access channel, the availability of equipment for the Weston Studio, allocation of Comcast staff time to Weston programming, and general channel alignment and allocation. In addition, the Cable Advisory Committee raised and addressed with Comcast certain specific questions raised by Town residents.

The Cable Advisory Committee also began to address the negotiation of the Town's cable license with Comcast. The current license expires in early 2008. During 2006 the Cable Advisory Committee intends to investigate and assess the Town's cable needs with a view to the upcoming license renewal negotiations with Comcast.

The members of the Cable Advisory Committee consist of John Blanchard, Douglas Garron, Peter Kidwell, Lee McCanne and Edwin E. Smith (chairman).

REPORT OF THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Committee is comprised of interested individuals from a variety of Town departments, including Police and Fire Chiefs, Assessors, Town Planner, Town Manager, Information Technology Manager, Recreation Director, Health Director, Council on Aging and Town Engineer. This committee has been meeting regularly during the implementation of the Town's GIS program and is pleased to report at this time that the systems are in place and functioning to provide valuable information on a wide range of cultural and natural resources of the Town. Some of the data layers that have been created include physical features such as roads, sidewalks, buildings, driveways, fences and walls, streams, ponds, plus utility information such as the water system, drainage system, utility poles and signs, plus topography including 2 foot contours. In addition, the parcel maps depicting all real estate and related information, easements and rights of way have been completely converted into a digital format, allowing for depiction and analysis of the geographic relationship of any features with each other. Some examples of the GIS are illustrated in the following figures.

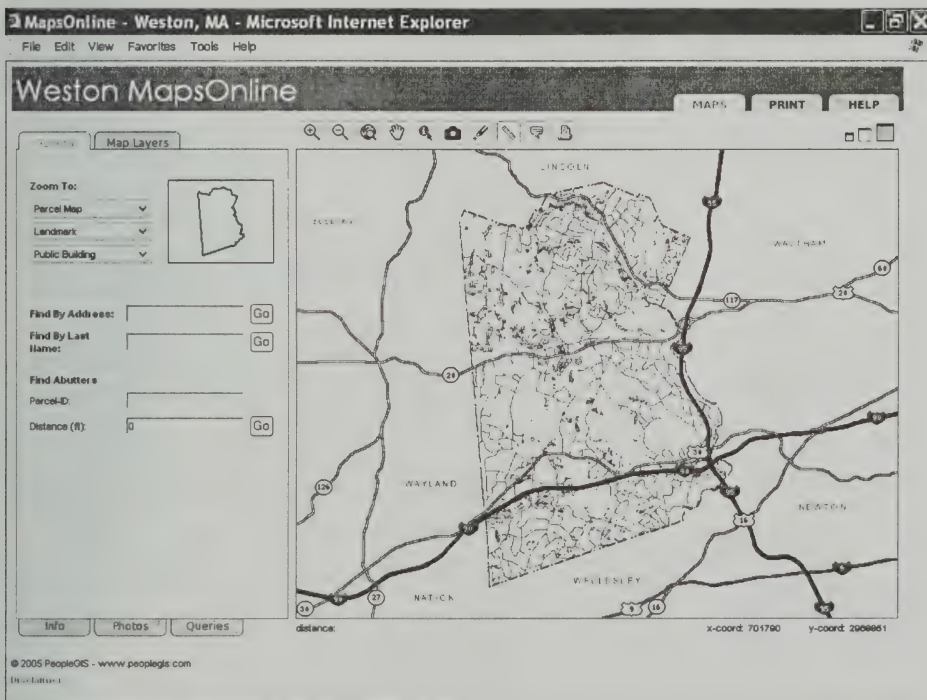


Figure 1 - Online mapping interface, found at www.mapsonline.net/westonma

The online mapping application allows the public and town staff to obtain information via the World Wide Web by using a browser such as Microsoft® Internet Explorer. Other applications in use and planned include GIS-based calls for service for Public Safety (Police and Fire), DPW Work Order and Asset Management, Building Department and Board of Health Permit Management.

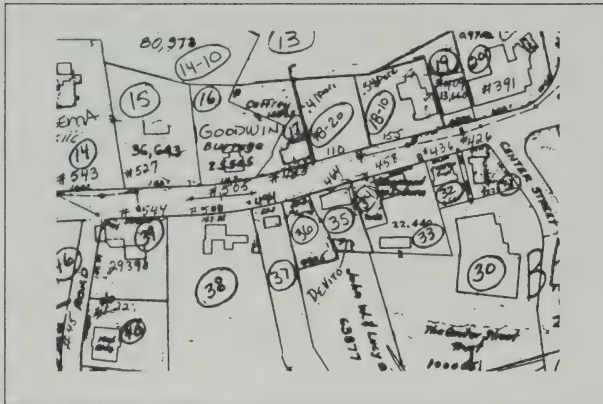


Figure 2 - old paper parcel map

Figures 2 and 3 show a comparison between the old paper-based parcel maps which are difficult to read and keep up to date, and the new digital parcel maps which were compiled from the best locally available source information including individual plot plans, road right of way plans, subdivision plans, and in some cases, deed information.



Figure 3 - new GIS based parcel map

The Town has invested nearly \$400K in this system and its upkeep. The GIS Committee plans to continue meeting to make sure the system continues to provide value to users, and set policy regarding frequency of updates, data maintenance and distribution.

REPORT OF THE HURRICANE KATRINA COMMITTEE

In October 2005 the Weston Selectmen appointed the Hurricane Katrina Committee with the charge "To identify a specific municipal loss attributable to Hurricane Katrina where the cost for remedying the loss can be ascertained and where the affected municipality bears some resemblance in size and form of government to Weston, and to raise funds on behalf of the Town of Weston to replace or restore that loss." Members of the Committee are Lenore Zug Lobel, Robbie Deitch, Elizabeth Munro, Sally Currier and Marybelle Cochran.

Although the situation along the coast in Louisiana and Mississippi was dire due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, locating a specific project to fund proved to be difficult because of the problem locating local people who could give the Committee some direction. Rob Lord, a resident of Madisonville, Louisiana and a resident of Weston from 1950 until 1975, served as our eyes and ears on the ground. He traveled around in search of a project to recommend to us in between his long hours directing relief crews in Louisiana and Mississippi.

At the time of this report, it would appear that we are going to recommend that Weston assist in rebuilding a specific piece of the community center in Pearlinton, Mississippi. "A place for people to come together is desperately needed". Pearlinton had a population of approximately 2000 people before Katrina struck. It is located at the mouth of the Pearl River on the Mississippi/Louisiana border. Many of the residents who evacuated returned to find their homes destroyed and all worldly possessions gone. The school and the community center were destroyed and the firehouse has been condemned. The residents of Pearlinton are crabbers, truckers, shrimpers and retired folk with a sizeable population of disabled individuals.

REPORT OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT

During 2005, the fiber optic Metropolitan Area Network proposed during the fall of 2004 was approved at the May 2005 town meeting. The planning for design and implementation was done in the summer of 2005 and the project is well underway. This project will completely overhaul the current network infrastructure and allow a reliable, scalable network on which the Weston Public Schools and Municipal departments can exchange data and communications utilizing gigabit speeds. This robust network is based on a Cisco and Fiber Optic topology. The estimated completion date for this project is late spring 2006.

The Fiber Optic Network will also allow for the Town to start planning for a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system. This would replace the multiple dissimilar phone systems in the town into one unified voice messaging system. This system would then operate on a closed loop that will ensure communications within the Town network that will not be susceptible to blackouts as we saw on 9/11. It will also eliminate the need for multiple internal phone lines from Verizon, making communications between departments much cheaper. Planning for this is already underway.

Geographical Information Systems: The Town's Information Technology department in conjunction with the DPW and Assessing departments bought and built a new server for the GIS project. This state of the art system allows many departments to access critical information about streets, parcels, and other locations in Weston. There will soon be public access to these resources.

Remote access: Weston employees now have the ability to access files and resources from outside the Town of Weston Network. This allows for employees who are not in the office to access data and respond to inquiries as if they were in the office.

Town officials such as the Town Manager, Fire, and Police Chiefs can quickly remote into the network should a situation arise that warrants their immediate attention 24/7.

Desktop Replacements: The Town has been replacing the outdated desktops in phases over the past 2 years. We currently have replaced two thirds of our systems. Upon the replacement of the final 15 desktops we will be updated and then implement a 5 year replacement policy.

Wireless Internet Access: The Weston Public Library now has Wireless Internet access for the public.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SPACES COMMITTEE

In the second year since its inception, the Public Spaces Committee continues to be a thriving partnership between the Town's three garden clubs and Weston's Park and Cemetery Department. William O'Neil and his park and cemetery crew provide the vital link in this remarkable model of employees and volunteers working literally side by side for the benefit of Weston.

Each of the Town's three garden clubs nominates two of its members to serve on the Public Spaces Committee. Meg Steiner and Rosemary McCready (replacing Cathy Dinardo) were nominated to serve by the Country Garden Club. Linda Lippincott represents the Community League Garden Club as does Tinka Zeitvogel, a most knowledgeable successor to the late Helen Freidberg whose wit and wisdom are very much missed. The Weston Garden Club is represented by two of its former presidents, Diana Bonner and Dorothea Santos.

The initial thrust of the non-funded Public Spaces Committee was to develop a traffic island sponsorship program. We join our fellow townspeople in expressing gratitude to the following participants who are donating their considerable talents in order to enhance the appearance of Weston's public spaces.

Participating Sponsor

Mike Butera Landscape Service
Community League Garden Club
Rotary Club of Weston-Wayland
Stonegate Gardens of Lincoln

Weston Landscape and Tree

Traffic Island

Route 30 at Highland Street
Route 30 at Ash Street
River Road at Summer Street
Boston Post Road at its easterly
intersection with Route 20
Boston Post Road at its westerly
intersection with Route 20

In addition to overseeing the traffic island program, the Public Spaces Committee arranged for the substantial gift from Weston Nurseries of landscaping the two islands in the front of the Town Hall. The committee also arranged for the dedication and planting of a Copper Beech Tree in Lamson Park in memory of the late Joan Vernon, Chairman of the Weston Board of Selectmen. Public Spaces landscaped the front of the central fire station, planted the traffic island at the intersection of Newton Street at Route 30, added disease resistant Dogwood varieties to the Town Green along with several Witch Hazels, and worked with the Weston Garden Club to plant shrubs to obscure the Town Green's septic mushroom.

Joined by Susan Haber, Town Planner, the committee spent a considerable amount of time finalizing the exterior lighting plan for Town Hall, a process that included a meeting to garner the support of the Town Hall neighborhood. Plans are currently in the construction design phase which will lead to the public bidding process. Installation of the exterior lighting plan is eagerly anticipated for spring '06.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

On December 31, 2005 there were 7,162 *Active* registered voters in the Town of Weston, while 564 voters were listed as *Inactive*.

Many newcomers used the Department of Motor Vehicles to register to vote electronically. This system automatically certifies each voter's data in the Statewide Voter Registration database. This system has been in effect since 1995 following the state's adoption of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993.

Any citizen age 18 or over may register to vote in the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours (M-- F: 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.). In addition, the Clerk's office is open until 8 p.m. for a special registration session three weeks before each election and town meeting. Mail-in registration forms are also available in a variety of public places around the town and the state. Only registered voters may vote in state and town elections and at Town Meeting.

Every year a Census of all residents is taken by the town. If the Town does not receive census information for a voter, that individual's name is placed on an *Inactive* voters' list. If the individual does not vote in two consecutive biennial state elections, he/she is then notified by mail that his or her name will be removed from the *Inactive* voters' list.

Following is a summary of all voters by Party and by Precinct:

PARTY	PRECINCT				
	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	TOTAL
Republican	442	409	393	393	1,637
Democrats	539	441	404	417	1,801
American Independent Party	0	1	0	0	1
Libertarian	3	2	3	0	8
Inter. 3 rd Party	0	0	1	1	2
Green Rainbow	3	3	3	0	9
Green Party USA	1	0	0	1	2
Unenrolled	1,020	854	838	990	3,702
TOTAL ACTIVE VOTERS	2,008	1,710	1,642	1,802	7,162
<i>Inactive Voters</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>564</i>

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Births, marriages and deaths recorded in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Weston for the year 2005:

Number of births in 2005:	75
Number of marriages in 2005:	30
Number of deaths in 2005:	158
Weston Residents	118
Non-Residents	40

Population of the Town of Weston (2005 census): 11,022

The following detailed report of marriages and deaths recorded during 2005 is printed for the purpose of bringing to the attention of interested persons the facts which appear on the official records of the Town Clerk. Please check the names and other data for errors, and notify the Town Clerk's Office.

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN WESTON IN 2005

January

- 20 Octavio Nestor Suarez Munist and Lilian Joan Auter both of Weston

February

No marriages were recorded in the month of February

March

No marriages were recorded in the month of March

April

- 9 Timothy Paul Castree of Paddington, Australia and Kristen Clare Doyle of Marlboro
24 Geoffrey Scott Rehnert and Laura Branch Holden both of Weston
30 Michael J. Seery and Caroline Borden Williams both of New York, NY
30 Ken Curtis Griffin of Worcester and Mary Allyson Brown of Philadelphia PA

May

- 13 George Spyros Gavis of Weston and Sandra Jean Procopio of Charlestown
21 Issac Hassan Emmanuel Fellows and Iris Nason both of Weston
21 Mark James Foley of Waltham and Klaudia Gorski of Acton
28 Matthew Cole Oliff and Lovey Danielle Roundtree both of Chestnut Hill
28 John Christian Mitchell of Newton and Melinda Rene Welton of Waltham

June

- 19 Bryan Andrew Lober and Anna Gokhfeld both of Waltham
19 Peter Fuller Kellogg of Weston and Martha Jane Calvert of Needham
25 Timothy Stuart Scott of Weston and Amanda Corray Graves of Kensington, MD

July

- 2 Gregory Alan Finck and Deirdre Kathleen Dunn both of New York, NY
2 James Louis Martin and Thea Christine Gautreau both of Holliston
5 Julian Ashley Hamilton Murdoch and Alessandra Priorelli both of Weston
7 William M. Wagner of Sudbury and Susan Love Sherwood of Wayland
15 Daniel Joseph McGuire of Sutton and Sherry Ann Hall of Millis
16 Richard Mark Brotman of Newton and Linda Jean Garton Bond of Arlington

- 16 Joshua Blake Greene and Sara Amy Mazin both of Waltham
 23 Jason Ronald Laramie and Kelly Julia Johnson both of Canton

August

- 6 Patrick Gabriel Engelman and Diana Catherwood Chaplin both of Weston
 6 Stephen Kingsbury Hamilton and Michelle Kim Shuman both of Sunnyvale, CA

September

No marriages were recorded in the month of September

October

- 8 Tara Hamilton and Orlando Alegret both of Westchester, CA
 8 Jennifer Rolfe Dale and Mark Allen King both of Littleton
 29 Sarah Price McKnight of Somerville and Robert Hunter Harrison of Weston
 30 Ilaria Pellini of Italy and Caleb Jamaison Perrin of Weston

November

- 4 Thomas Paul Myers and Diane Smiton Sanderson both of Weston

December

- 3 Sheila MacDonnell of Waltham and Fred Thomas Costantino of Newton
 31 Emily Lauren Shapiro and Fred Michael Marty both of New York, NY

DEATHS RECORDED IN WESTON IN 2005

January

Date	Name	Place of Birth	Age
1	Cunniff, Hubert F.	Massachusetts	96
2	Johnson, Burdette A.	New Hampshire	99
5	Barry, Donald M.	Massachusetts	70
5	McDonald, Ellen Barbara	New Hampshire	91
9	Sullivan, Robert J.	Connecticut	92
10	Sadozai, Mirza	Afghanistan	81
10	Cormay, Theodore Clifford	Massachusetts	76
11	Francis, Robert M.	England	86
15	Downs, Doris W.	Rhode Island	88
16	Cullen, Victoria C.	Massachusetts	86
19	Fitzgerald, MaryJean	Vermont	78
21	Cassidy, Robert Francis	Massachusetts	91
22	Powers, Robert F.	Massachusetts	87
26	Cormier, Gerard J.	Canada	89
26	Katz, Carmen	Puerto Rico	89
29	Dolberg, Charles Edgar	Colorado	88
31	Wollison, Beatrice	New York	87

February

1	Nault, Leona V.	Canada	87
2	Robinson, Joan E.	Maine	98
4	Germeshausen, Pauline	Massachusetts	97
6	Lynch, Elizabeth Mary	West Virginia	86
8	Coye, Juliette L.	Maine	89
13	Vernon, Joan B.	Florida	72

14	O'Brien, Eileen V.	Massachusetts	69
14	Melone, William d.	Italy	80
15	Lee, Yolanda M.	Cuba	71
16	Feldman, Dorothy	Massachusetts	89
20	Cort, Marie Gertrude	Massachusetts	77
27	Jacobs, Pauline	Rhode Island	79

March

5	Sliney, Mary E.	Massachusetts	99
5	Hiatt, Anne W.	Massachusetts	75
9	Bradford, Helen Elizabeth	Massachusetts	91
10	Epstein, Stanley M.	Massachusetts	87
12	Besso, John E.	Massachusetts	86
13	Hall, Eleanor Thurston	Massachusetts	92
18	Freeman, Doris R.	Maine	97
21	Low, Stephanie A.	Massachusetts	63
23	Goodridge, Ruth J.	Pennsylvania	96
23	McDonough, Adelaide	Hawaii	100
23	LaBran, Joseph J.	Massachusetts	89
23	Taranto, Gaetano aka Thomas	Massachusetts	93
24	Borgeson, Dorothy Linnea	Massachusetts	85
26	Falcone, Concetta	Italy	102
26	Lagasse, Thomas Robert	Massachusetts	23
31	Waters, Marylin	Massachusetts	82
31	Korsmeyer, Stanley J.	Illinois	54

April

1	Ramratnam, Balakrishnam	India	66
2	Scott, Rose E.	Massachusetts	96
3	Gibson, Betty L.	Massachusetts	77
3	Lirette, Bernadette J.	Massachusetts	80
13	Trifiletti, Joseph F.	Italy	93
13	Fox, Michael Joseph	Massachusetts	58
14	McDavitt, James Peter	Massachusetts	74
16	Campbell, Eliza Eudora	Canada	99
18	Brown, Arnise	Massachusetts	68
18	Dulman, Alvin L.	New York	85
19	Provost, Florence E.	Massachusetts	96
20	Shillman, Etta A.	Massachusetts	91
28	Grady, Donald F.	Massachusetts	90

May

7	Shepherd Jr., Thomas Elwell	Massachusetts	78
7	Bedrick, David N.	Massachusetts	91
8	Goulding, Joseph A.	Massachusetts	76
13	Greiff, Janice Joy	Indiana	82
13	Parechan, Veronica	Massachusetts	94
15	Morrison, Eileen M.	Massachusetts	80
15	Dupuis, Anna J.	Massachusetts	82
19	Withall, Kathryn	Illinois	87
20	Horwitz, Sophie Sandler	Massachusetts	95
20	Belcher, Francis H.	Massachusetts	74

23	Hubbard, Charlotte B.	Massachusetts	96
25	Mannix, Francis L.	Massachusetts	81
28	Linnane, Agnes R.	Massachusetts	89
28	Costantini, Domenico	Italy	97
31	Caruso, Carmela	Italy	94

June

1	Dupille, Robert A.	Massachusetts	69
2	Field, Harriet J.	Georgia	92
2	Meltzer, Lillian R.	Massachusetts	87
3	Quegan, William Michael	Connecticut	71
6	Liuiima, Francis Aloysius	Lithuania	86
6	Condakes, James	Massachusetts	77
14	MacDonnell, Joseph A.	Massachusetts	76
22	Whittemore, Beck Francis	Canada	71
23	Blankenhorn, Walter Joseph	New York	87
25	Mitchell, Geraldine M.	Illinois	84

July

1	Connolly, Vincent	Massachusetts	74
2	Mustard III, Lewis W.	Delaware	89
2	Young, Madeline G.	Massachusetts	91
3	Crouch, Herbert Bentley	Massachusetts	77
4	Schwartz, Molly L.	Massachusetts	94
4	Bedrick, Ruth F.	Massachusetts	85
7	Donovan-Devitt, Barbara J.	Massachusetts	52
9	Brodkey, Lucille	Nebraska	94
12	Smith, Frances S.	Illinois	98
12	Brown, William L.	North Carolina	83
15	Devlin, Patrick Christopher	New York	9
16	Wyman Jr., Edwin T.	Massachusetts	75
19	Pineo, Edith M.	Massachusetts	88
21	Houston, David A.	Canada	91
21	Umans, Elaine R.	Massachusetts	81
21	Wheeler, Phyllis C.	Massachusetts	80
25	Recka, Francis A.	Massachusetts	88
28	Donnegan, Christopher B.	Pennsylvania	42
29	Loesch, Warren W.	New York	94

August

1	Alevizos, John P.	Massachusetts	85
2	Wolf, Jacqueline	Massachusetts	80
10	Descheneaux, Edgar	Massachusetts	94
13	Daly, Frances P.	Massachusetts	95
15	Hill, Ruth A.	Massachusetts	86
16	Lippert, Audrey	New York	82
19	Winer, Blanche	Massachusetts	95
20	McCluskey, Raymond E.	Maine	95
25	Mattingly, Kristie L.	Ohio	49

September

5	Tedesco, Mary L.	Massachusetts	89
5	Kimball, Kenneth Wright	Massachusetts	85
5	Erickson, Louise	Massachusetts	94
7	Anderson, Mary	New York	77
7	Giugno, Maria T.	Massachusetts	87
9	Macquarrie, Gilbert Franklin	Canada	84
11	Finan, Jr, Thomas H.	Massachusetts	89
11	Johnson, Alice M.	Massachusetts	97
13	Cleinman, Mildred	Massachusetts	84
13	Campbell, Helen Flo	W. Virginia	88
14	Finnegan, Elizabeth L.	Iowa	82
15	Stirling, Taylor G.	Massachusetts	78
16	Freidberg, Helen DeOrsay	Pennsylvania	67
27	Page, Edna B.	Massachusetts	87

October

2	Doucet, Bridget J.	Canada	93
7	Mustard, Jean D.	Massachusetts	89
7	Greenberg, Sidney Allen	Ohio	81
9	Phelps, Grenadine G.	Minnesota	91
10	Chaffee, Donald M.	Massachusetts	59
12	Burns, Austin J.	Massachusetts	80
19	Maiullo, Mary F.	Massachusetts	80
24	Jacobson, Philip	Massachusetts	86

November

1	Decaneas, Nancy H.M.	Massachusetts	61
5	Sutherland, Helyn Boyd	Massachusetts	89
5	Melanson, Jean Paul	Canada	54
6	Doran, James M.	Massachusetts	70
7	Carter Jr., Oscar	Rhode Island	69
8	McMahon, Eugene F.	Connecticut	66
10	Smith, Helen L.	Massachusetts	94
11	Cameron Jr., Gerald T.	Massachusetts	50
19	Hynes, Margaret J.	Massachusetts	80
20	Skinger, Constance Adams	New Jersey	91
24	Donnegan, H. Patricia	Pennsylvania	75

December

1	Harrington, Anna I	Massachusetts	83
5	McCarthy, Dorothy F.	Massachusetts	83
9	Campbell, Joseph Daniel	New York	87
9	George, Florence	Massachusetts	96
10	Sohmer, Israel Jacob	Massachusetts	83
11	Laska, Vera	Czechoslovakia	82
12	Benotti, Emanuel Peter	Massachusetts	84
15	Nelson, Nancy S.	Massachusetts	81
17	Livernoche, Frances Pearl	New Hampshire	85
20	Nolan, George W.	Massachusetts	84

22	Kaplan, Estelle Temkin	New York	96
24	DiDonato, Liberata	Massachusetts	83
26	Isaacson, Herbert A.	Massachusetts	82
29	Edmunds, David Richard	Massachusetts	47

LICENSE REPORT - DOGS

100	Male/Female	@	\$ 11.00	\$ 1,100.00
806	Spayed Females/Neutered Males	@	7.00	<u>5,642.00</u>
				\$ 6,742.00

LICENSE REPORT - FISH AND GAME

26	Resident Fishing	@	\$ 22.50	\$ 572.00
	Resident Fishing - Minor	@	6.50	
4	Resident Fishing - 65-69	@	11.25	45.00
	Resident Fishing - 70 & over		FREE	
1	Resident 3 day Fishing	@	7.50	7.50
1	Non Resident 3 day Fishing	@	18.50	18.50
15	Resident Citizen Hunting	@	22.50	337.50
	Resident Hunting 65-69	@	11.25	
6	Resident Sporting	@	40.00	240.00
1	Resident Sporting - 65-69	@	20.00	20.00
3	Resident Sporting over 70		FREE	
2	Archery Stamps	@	5.10	10.20
9	MA Waterfowl Stamps	@	5.00	45.10
8	Primitive Firearms Stamps	@	5.10	40.60
51	Resident Conservation Stamps	@	5.00	255.30
1	Non Resident " "	@	5.00	<u>5.00</u>
				\$ 1,654.00

Less: Fees Deducted

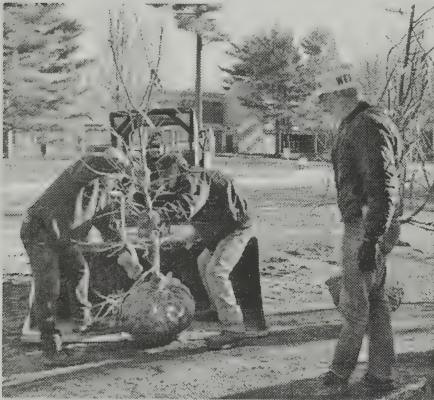
26	Licenses	@	0.50	13.00
2	Archery Stamp Fees	@	0.10	.20
9	Duck Stamp Fees	@	0.25	2.10
8	Primitive Firearms Stamp	@	0.10	<u>1.10</u>

\$ (31.75)

Paid to the Division of Fisheries & Game \$ 1,624.00

REPORT OF THE TREE ADVISORY GROUP

The Weston Tree Advisory Group ("TAG") was established by the Selectmen in November 2002 and its members met every other month through 2005. The group's primary mission is to identify suitable locations for trees and shrubs to be planted in the south side of the town as partial mitigation for the loss of 30 acres of forest land due to construction of the MWRA tank. The trees are paid for through donations and a tree fund set up by the MWRA in its Memorandum of Agreement with the Town; labor is supplied by volunteers backed up by Weston's DPW and School Department crews.



Delivery of sourwood tree

TAG members planned a significant Arbor Day tree planting in 2005, in partnership with the Middle School science teachers. Ten native trees were planted along the entrance road, at the Middle School entrance and behind the Maple Sugar Shack: red maple, red and white oak, American elm, redbud, sourwood, Carolina silverbell, and sugar maple were the species chosen. The school department grounds crew did the groundwork of preparing holes and moving the 6-8' tall trees, then TAG members and 7th grade students planted, watered and mulched. Tree Warden Paul Brackett checked all plantings for proper depth and staked them for wind stability. A special Arbor Day assembly concluded the planting day in the Amy Potter Center, and many tree poems were read, along with the Selectmen's Arbor Day proclamation.

TAG members joined over 100 other town tree committees at the Massachusetts Statehouse in May to receive their "Tree City USA" award for the previous year's work. It is hoped that the National Arbor Day Foundation will continue to honor Weston's tree planting efforts.

An experiment in transplanting from the wild was organized in conjunction with the Conservation Commission at the Wellington Farm Historic District. On Town conservation land at the corner of Glen Road and Wellesley Street, a row of 20 old sugar maple trees had nearly all died out from salt spray, and a row of transplanted wild maple seedlings was installed to take their places in the historic alley. Holes were dug by Brian Donahue and Janette Patel, set back further from the street in hopes of avoiding stormwater contamination. The 21 young maples were donated by Nicholas Danforth and dug from his property. Farmer Peter Hyde provided his tractor for transporting the trees and soil.

TAG met with DPW Superintendent Hoffman at the end of 2005 to discuss how to address the problems of road salt damage and lack of equipment to water the new trees during their first crucial years. It is hoped by continuing joint efforts at finding solutions, survival rates for all Weston's new trees will increase.

LAND USE, PLANNING AND ZONING

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

The Town of Weston adopted its first set of zoning regulations in 1928. Since that time, the Zoning By-Laws have been amended periodically to promote the health, safety, convenience, morals and welfare of the citizens of the Town. The zoning regulations provide for certain building restrictions and it is the role of the Board of Appeals to determine whether relief from these restrictions is warranted in certain situations. To that end, the Board of Appeals hears and makes decisions on applications for: variances from zoning restrictions; findings for the reconstruction, alteration or extension of a pre-existing, non-conforming structure or lot; special permits; and comprehensive permits.

Variances: A property owner may petition the Board of Appeals for relief from the Zoning By-Law's building restrictions. The Board of Appeals will publish a legal notice of the petitioner's request, notify the petitioner's abutters, and hold a public hearing on the matter. A variance may be granted only upon the petitioner demonstrating that:

1. Special circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape or topography of the land or structures make the literal enforcement of the zoning regulations a substantial hardship;
2. Desirable relief may be granted without detriment to the public good; and
3. The granting of the variance would not nullify or substantially derogate from the intent of the Zoning By-Laws.

Satisfaction of these three legal requirements must be made at the public hearing before the Board of Appeals will grant a variance request. The Board makes a written decision which is then filed in the Town Clerk's office.

Findings: Many of Weston's properties were developed and built prior to the current Zoning By-Law's adoption. These older properties may be deemed to be pre-existing, non-conforming structures and lots. Although they are "grandfathered," any property owner seeking to extend, alter or reconstruct the buildings must petition the Board of Appeals for a finding that the proposed addition or change will not be more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure. This procedure requires published legal notice, notice to abutters, and a public hearing in much the same manner as a variance request. The Board of Appeals files its written decision with the Town Clerk's office.

Special Permits: Special permits may be granted for a variety of exceptional uses of property as described in the "Use Regulations" section of the Zoning By-Law. Special permits are granted for uses which are in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning By-Law and may be granted with conditions, safeguards and limitations on time. Examples of special permits are those granting the operation of summer camps and the conversion of a residential dwelling to include an accessory apartment.

Comprehensive Permits: In 1969 Massachusetts enacted the "Anti-Snob Zoning Act," allowing for the override of local zoning legislation in order to construct low and moderate income housing. A developer seeking to build such housing appears before the Board of Appeals with an application for a comprehensive permit. The Board of Appeals has granted a number of comprehensive permit applications in recent years.

The Board of Appeals typically meets twice a month, and in the past year heard approximately seventy cases. The Board's hearings are public and the Board makes every effort to consider the opinions of the petitioners, their neighbors, and other interested Town entities such as the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Historical Commission, the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) evaluates proposals submitted by Weston residents or other boards and committees for use of funds that the Town receives pursuant to Article 31 of the Town By-Laws and the state Community Preservation Act (CPA) which the Town accepted in 2001. The Act provides for a participating town to adopt a property tax surcharge up to 3% with the State matching the local receipts. The Town of Weston voted to surcharge up to the maximum of 3%.

In October the Town received its fourth disbursement from the State's matching Community Preservation Trust Fund. The State continued to match at the 100% level with the FY06 amount of \$1,189,090 based on total local receipts of \$1,182,904 recorded in FY05. The total revenue received through FY05 is \$7,541,834.00.

Pursuant to the CPA legislation, a community must spend, or set aside for future spending, a minimum of 10% of annual CPC receipts on: open space (excluding recreational purposes), historic preservation, and community housing. The remaining 70% of funds, the so-called "unreserved funds," may be allocated to any of one or a combination of the three main uses, including public recreational purposes, at the discretion of the CPC and subject to the approval of Town meeting. Up to 5% of the annual CPA funds may be spent on the operation and administration costs of the CPC.

At the Annual Town Meeting on May 11, 2005, the CPC presented its recommendations for FY06. Article 18 set aside at least a minimum of 10% of the annual CPC receipts in each of the three allowed categories and no more than 5% of the annual CPA funds for administrative expenses. Appropriations approved by Town Meeting were as follows:

Article 18

\$800,000 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use:

\$250,000 for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources;

\$450,000 for the creation, preservation and support of community housing;

\$120,000 to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2006. Projected administrative expenses were for the following items:

\$50,000 - engineering and related studies to evaluate possible purchase of the Case Estates owned by Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

\$40,000 - feasibility study to investigate possible uses for the Josiah Smith Tavern

\$20,000 - salary for a part-time administrator

\$10,000 - miscellaneous expenses

Article 19 - acquisition of open space

\$322,500 for principal and interest payments related to the purchase of Sunday Woods approved for purchase under Article 6 of the May 2002 Annual Town Meeting; this payment was the third of five payments to be made. The Sunday Woods property, a 23 + acre woodland, is adjacent to the Jericho Town Forest and is part of a valuable wildlife

habitat. The total purchase price of \$3.2 million was funded with \$800,000 in FY02 CPA funds , \$450,000 in remaining MWRA funds, \$500,000 in private funds raised by the Weston Forest and Trail Association, and 1.5 million in additional CPA funds bonded over five years.

Article 20 - creation of community housing

\$453,721 for debt service associated with the expansion of the Brook School Apartments to ensure that 13 of the 24 new units were classified as affordable units in perpetuity; this was the second payment of twelve to be made.

Article 21 - rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources

\$230,000 for the rehabilitation and restoration of the historic Fiske Law Office to make it viable for leasing as commercial office space. All work will be subject to a preservation restriction on the historic features of the structure.

Article 22 - preservation of open space

\$20,000 for the preservation of several fields under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission. This project was a continuation of the field preservation program initiated at the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting. The work involves cutting vegetation to restore the fields back to their original boundaries - either stone walls or mature trees marking an old fencerow or woodlot edge.

Article 23 - acquisition of open space

\$450,000 for the purchase of 4.5 acres of land at 0 Church Street along with two trail easements over adjoining parcels, The Town also secured a conservation restriction upon an adjacent 2.8 parcel sold to private parties. In addition, the owners separated out a one-acre lot that was given to the Weston Affordable Housing Foundation as a site for an affordable housing unit.

The CPC hired its first part-time administrator in May. Project related activities included the issuance in November of Requests for Qualification for the selection of an architect to design the renovation of the Fiske Law Office and the Melone Homestead; construction is expected to be completed in November, 2006. The Melone Homestead portion of this project involves the structural stabilization of the structure and a partial renovation of the interior layout for continued use as rental office space. All work to be done will be subject to a preservation restriction. The Board of Selectmen voted on December 20, 2005 to award the fields' preservation project to Land's Sake, Inc. The acquisition of 0 Church Street as described above was also executed in December 2005.

Several projects funded in prior Town meetings are in progress or nearing completion including the installation of a new boiler and the restoration of the exterior of the Josiah Smith Tavern. The Town opened proposals from designers for the exterior rehabilitation of the Tavern on December 2, 2005; construction is expected to be completed by August 2006. Restoration of the historic Crescent Street dam, funded up to a maximum of \$60,000 at the November 2002 Annual Town Meeting, was completed with the owners receiving reimbursement for a total of \$32,334.02.

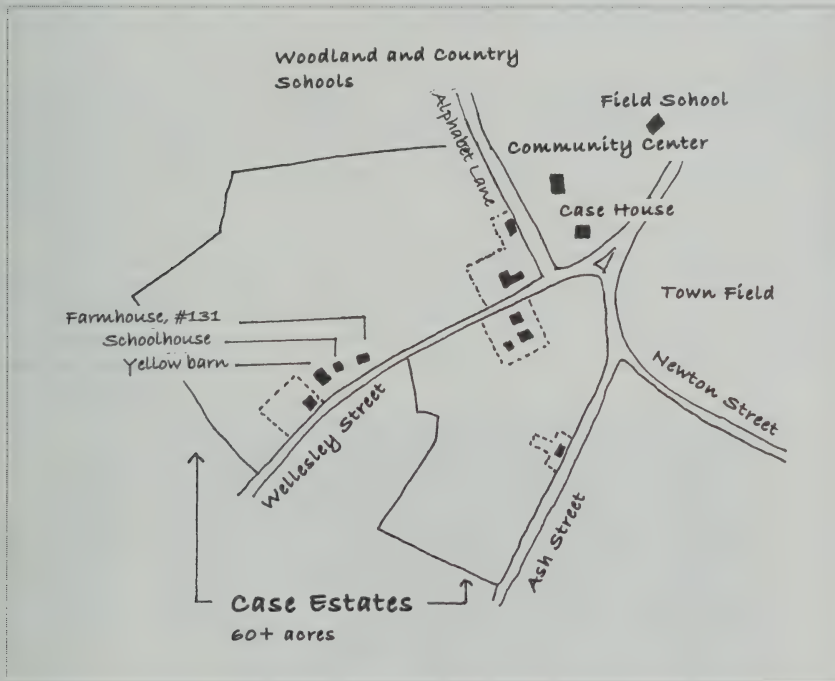
The Board of Selectmen appointed the Case Estates Review Committee (CERC) on June 15, 2005; the committee has the authority to expend, in the course of fulfilling its charge, up to \$50,000 under the FY06 CPA administrative budget for engineering and related consultant studies. A fuller description of CERC's activities to date can be found under the Case Estates Review Committee report.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS FY02 - FY05

	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
Community Preservation Act - Revenue				
Property Surcharge	927,936	1,042,135	1,123,880	1,182,904
State Match	-	935,343	1,051,629	1,122,336
Investment Income	2,457	8,141	16,750	119,711
Donations/Other	<u>1,384</u>	<u>2,821</u>	<u>2,145</u>	<u>2,262</u>
Total Revenues	931,777	1,988,440	2,194,404	2,427,213
Use of Community Preservation Funds				
Open Space				
Balance - beginning of fiscal year	-	93,212	239,101	141,431
Appropriation not used	-	-	18,330	-
New allocation	93,212	180,000	220,000	220,000
<u>Less: Appropriations for</u>				
Debt Service - Sunday Woods	-	34,111	336,000	329,250
Field Restoration	-	-	-	<u>20,000</u>
Balance at end of fiscal year	93,212	239,101	141,431	12,181
Historic Preservation				
Balance - beginning of fiscal year	-	93,212	58,212	53,212
New allocation	93,212	180,000	220,000	220,000
<u>Less: Appropriations for</u>				
787 Boston Post Road - Historic Preservation		155,000	-	-
Mill Dam, 39 Crescent Street - Preservation Res.		60,000	-	-
809-811 Boston Post Road - Preservation Res.			225,000	-
Melone Homestead - Historic Preservation		-	-	240,000
Josiah Smith Tavern - Historic Preservation		-	-	<u>326,500</u>
Balance at end of fiscal year	93,212	58,212	53,212	(293,288)
Community Housing				
Balance - beginning of fiscal year	-	93,212	273,212	333,212
New allocation	93,212	180,000	220,000	220,000
<u>Less: Appropriations for</u>				
809-811 Boston Post Road	-	-	160,000	-
Brook School Apartments	-	-	-	<u>363,000</u>
Balance at end of fiscal year	93,212	273,212	333,212	190,212
Administrative Funds				
Allocated	-	59,500	44,000	60,000
Spent	-	<u>8,134</u>	<u>20,870</u>	<u>39,342</u>
Returned to unallocated funds	-	51,366	23,130	20,658

REPORT OF THE CASE ESTATES REVIEW COMMITTEE

In January 2005 representatives of the Arboretum notified the Weston Board of Selectmen that they were prepared to discuss the possible sale of the Case Estates to the Town. The Selectmen appointed the Case Estates Review Committee (CERC) to study the possible acquisition, future use and funding sources for purchase of some or all of the property. The committee is listed in the front of the annual report.



The Case Estates is a 62+-acre property in the geographic center of Weston. Wellesley Street separates the property into a 40.8 acre parcel northwest of Wellesley Street and a 21.7 acre parcel between Wellesley and Ash Streets. Owned by the Case sisters through the early 1900's, the property was maintained as Hillcrest Farm, then Hillcrest Garden until they bequeathed it to Harvard University for the benefit of the Arnold Arboretum in 1944. Harvard managed it until the early 1990's as part of the university's Arnold Arboretum, but currently does not use the property for any purpose other than the storage of maintenance equipment. The Case Estates is a prominent historic landscape that contains horticultural plantings and other natural resources. It provides roadside views that are a reminder of Weston's rural history as an agricultural community with open fields and woods. The property includes two houses and a barn adjacent to Wellesley Street.

Many studies have been completed as part of the planning process for the property. The Arnold Arboretum has engaged consultants who completed soil suitability analyses and condition assessments of the existing buildings. Harvard has also obtained an appraisal of the property. The Town has engaged consultants for various studies, including a preliminary

input. In early 2006 the Case Estates Review Committee will take another look at these conceptual plans with land planning consultants.

The committee itself has been hard at work gathering data about projected municipal and community needs and how they might be met on this property. Interviews have been conducted with representatives from each of the town's departments, the neighbors in the Case Historic District and also with contacts from other towns that have faced land use decisions similar to this. Information appears on the town website www.weston.org. Besides background material and maps, the website includes agendas, meeting times and minutes. There are also hardcopy files in the CPC office, Town Hall and at the Town Library in notebooks at the reference desk.

The possibilities for the future of the Case Estates range from private development of as many as 29 single family house lots preservation of the entire site with variations in between. Each scenario has different benefits for the Town and different financial impacts. The Committee will be recommending priorities for the site and will be analyzing the viability of purchasing the property so that the Town can control the various ways the land and buildings might be utilized or developed. If it is purchased by the Town, many ideas have been discussed including reserving a portion of the land for future cemetery expansion, selling portions for residential development, using the houses for affordable housing, providing improved circulation and parking for the nearby "Case Campus" and preserving portions for open space and important roadside landscapes. The financial implications of each of these choices will be studied and the Committee will look at using various funding options including Community Preservation Funds, private fundraising, and proceeds from a limited development to fund the purchase of the parcel.



Case Estates: Corner of Wellesley and Newton Streets

The Case Estates is a special place in Town with a long tradition as a historic landscape. The value of this property for development is high and the resources of the town are limited. Decisions will be difficult. The Committee is charged with making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and residents will be asked to vote on a proposal related to this property at a future Town Meeting.

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is responsible for the protection and management of Weston's conservation land and the administration of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

The administration of the Wetlands Protection Act continues to take over one half the time of the Conservation Commission. A total of 75 hearings were conducted during the year. Persons contemplating any work in or within 100 feet of a wetland, or within 200 feet of a stream which flows continuously throughout the year, should seek information about the Wetlands Protection Act at the Commission's office in the Town Hall.

During the past year, the Commission has remained committed to the responsible use and management of the Town Conservation land. Trails, fire roads, and hilltop outlooks have been maintained for public use and enjoyment with most of the funding provided by the Weston Forest and Trail Association. Fields throughout the Town have been mowed under contract by Land's Sake.

The Commission enjoyed another year of stewardship of the Case Estate's Forty Acre Field, which was purchased by the town for municipal purposes from Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum. This area has been managed for the Commission by Land's Sake. Land's Sake is a nonprofit, community service organization dedicated to the productive use and maintenance of land in Weston as well as providing education and employment for young people in Weston. Vegetables, flowers, herbs and fruit were provided for sale at a farm stand or on a pick-your-own basis. Maintenance of this area continued with brush clearing, mowing, walking path upkeep, and tree work. Land's Sake also continues to maintain the apple orchard on Concord Road.

The Greenpower Farm project continues to be a vital part of the Town's activities. This project is administered by the Conservation Commission and managed for the Commission by Land's Sake. Over 33,000 pounds of fresh produce was delivered at no cost to homeless shelters and food pantries. About 79 youngsters participated in this program. These young people received a practical introduction to organic farming and gardening. They were also involved in the distribution of produce to those who needed it. As in the past, land was also made available for community garden plots. Our popular maple syrup project was continued at the "sugar shack" at the Middle School. The Commission supported Land's Sake's involvement with environmental education projects which were conducted with the School Department.

A forest management plan has been implemented which now provides fire wood and saw logs. By selective cutting and careful management, the Town's forests will ultimately be more productive and will provide improved wildlife habitat. Interpretive and signed trails have been completed on Conservation land off Crescent Street.

Land's Sake has been granted a license by the Commission to occupy the Melone Homestead off Crescent Street. This property provides office space and living quarters for some of their staff. Land's Sake has built a greenhouse near the house. There are several fields and a developing sugar bush in the same area which will be used by Land's Sake in the future. This location makes an ideal home for Land's Sake and many of their activities.

The Commission has initiated a survey of the bounds of the land under its jurisdiction. This project will clarify the limits of the private land which abuts the conservation land in town.

REPORT OF THE CRESCENT STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Crescent Street Historic District is a Local Historic District established under MGL Chapter 40C and is the only such district in Weston. There are eight houses in the district. The Crescent Street Historic District Commission is charged with review of proposed exterior modifications of structures and other features located within the district, in accordance with Article XXIV of the Bylaw as enacted in 1993, provided that the changes are visible from Crescent Street. Of the five members serving on the Commission, three are district residents.

The Commission held two meetings last year, both associated with a petition to demolish entirely every structure at 16 Crescent Street, a property located within the District. At the first meeting, held on September 28, the Commission elected officers and, on advice of town counsel, invoked the State Ethics Commission's Rule of Necessity to allow the Commission to review the petition. Then, after deliberation and discussion, the Commission determined that it had jurisdiction over the application, which involved exterior features visible from Crescent Street. At the second meeting, held on October 17, the Commission denied the petition without prejudice because the applicant failed to appear and provide sufficient information supporting his petition.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission is appointed by the Selectmen to preserve Weston's history and educate the public about its value. 2005 was an especially busy year for the Commission and its related committees and subcommittees.

Demolition Delay activity.

Weston's Demolition Delay By-law requires that the Historical Commission review any demolition application for a building built prior to 1945 to determine whether the proposed demolition would adversely affect a historically or architecturally significant structure. If the building is deemed significant and the proposed demolition detrimental, the Commission may impose a six-month delay on construction to try to find a way to save the structure while still fulfilling the applicant's needs. The table below summarizes the 2005 review activity:

Applications received	53
Approved without meeting with the Commission	37
Initial Determination reviews held	16
Public hearings held	6
Six-month delays imposed	5

The two most controversial demolition applications were submitted for the outbuildings and the house at 823 Boston Post Road the site of two sequential proposals for multi-unit housing under Massachusetts's 40B law. 40B overrides local zoning if 25% of the units are for affordable housing and other criteria are met. The Historical Commission and the Selectmen opposed both applications because of the prominent location, scenic qualities, and historical significance of the property, which is within the Boston Post Road National Register District. The demolition delay on the outbuildings has expired and that on the house expires in February 2006.



Hayfields – 823 Boston Post Road

The Commission authorized six historical markers for pre-1945 houses which retain their architectural and landscape integrity.

Historic Areas

Area Forms officially documenting the architectural and cultural history of the Jones Road, Webster Hill, Warren Avenue and Chiltern Hundreds neighborhoods were prepared for the Commission by preservation consultant Pamela Fox and filed with Massa-

chusetts Historical Commission. Each has a cohesive character and history that is an important contribution to Weston's history. The Chiltern Hundreds area includes Columbine, Ferndale, Ridgeway, Pembroke, Locust, Old Colony, Dean, Chiltern and Ox Bow Roads.

Weston now has 15 historic neighborhood areas, six National Register Districts, and one Local Historic District, the later encompassing six properties on Crescent Street Local Historic District. Only the Local Historic District imposes restrictions on exterior changes. More information about each of these can be found at the Commission's web site at www.westhistcomm.org.

Josiah Smith Tavern Committee

The Committee developed a Vision Statement for the future use of the Tavern and the Old Library, which was subsequently endorsed by both the Historical Commission and the Board of Selectmen. A basic principle is that both buildings will be restored sympathetically while being renovated for new uses using CPA funds. The Vision Statement recommends that the Tavern is to be restored to its original use, with part of the building serving as a restaurant featuring locally-grown foods. The Historical Society Museum is also to be housed there. The Old Library is to house the Women's Community League on the main floor and archives for the Historical Commission and Historical Society in the basement. Land's Sake is to utilize the Tavern Barn for educational programs and it will also continue to be available for public rental. The intent is that the commercial activities will provide sufficient revenue so that there will be no incremental maintenance cost to the town. A more comprehensive summary of the Vision Statement is available at www.westhistcomm.org.

The Committee oversaw the installation of a new boiler for the Tavern to replace the one that had failed. With the assistance of the CPC assistant, Judith Sparrow, a Design Service firm has been hired to implement the exterior restoration work which Town Meeting authorized. Both are CPA-funded projects.

Other Community Preservation Act Projects

Post Road Green at 809-811 Boston Post Road is an example of successful integration of an historic house and barn into a 40B project while preserving the historic buildings and viewscape. The project opened during 2005 and provides two affordable housing units. Town meeting had authorized purchase of a preservation easement on the exterior of the house and barn with CPA funds, in addition to providing funds to help subsidize the affordable units.

Project specifications for the restoration of the Melone Homestead and the Fiske Law Office were developed and an RFP for Design Services for both buildings was sent out for responses early in 2006. The Design Service firm will finalize the construction drawings and bid specifications after analyzing issues such as appropriate handicap access for historic buildings and will conduct the bidding for the construction work.

Historical Archives Committee

The Historical Archives Committee, with funding from a the Massachusetts Historical Records Advisory Board (MHRAB) grant, hired consultant archivist Scott Andrew ("Drew") Bartley and intern Martin Hallek to survey Town archive collections currently housed in the Town Hall and Josiah Smith Tavern, and provide recommendations to the Town on the appropriate ways to catalogue, store, and maintain its collections as well as the best way to achieve public access. The initial survey was completed in 2005. A report summarizing the findings of the survey and recommendations for the Town historical archives will be provided in 2006.

Preservation Restriction Committee

Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the preservation restriction for the exterior of the house and barn at Post Road Green and it was registered. This restriction was purchased with \$225,000 of Community Preservation Act funds. Restrictions for the Melone Homestead and Fiske Law Office are being drafted, and Forest and Trail Association has agreed to administer them. The Landscape provisions of the restrictions at 157 Church Street and 171 Church Street were modified and approved by the Restriction Committee and the Historical Commission. The wording of the dam restriction at 37 Crescent Street was altered to ensure that the view from the abutting conservation land would remain open, a condition of the town meeting vote approving CPA funds for restoration of the dam.

Appreciation

The Historical Commission sincerely thanks

- Diane Hubbard for her 10 years of service as a loyal member. Her dedication, thoughtfulness and hard work are much appreciated.
- John Sallay for his hard work, creativity, and organizational accomplishments as Chair of the Josiah Smith Tavern Committee.
- Dennis Saylor for his thoughtful contributions and diligent legal research as a member of the Josiah Smith Tavern Committee.
- Pam Fox for continuing to share her knowledge of Weston's buildings and its history.

REPORT OF THE WESTON/MWRA WORKING GROUP

Norumbega Reservoir

- Replanting of grasses and shrubs at the Norumbega Reservoir, necessitated because of the late start and erosion from storm run-off, was completed in 2005.
- A contract to remove the external fence around the reservoir property was let. It is combined with the contract for fencing the new John Carroll water treatment plant in Marlborough and security fencing around the reservoir. The work will start in Marlborough so work around Norumbega will be done in '06. Abutters to the Norumbega whose properties are currently fenced were given the option of having the fence at their property removed or letting it remain. Those choosing the latter assume responsibility for the fence. The black chain link fence around the reservoir proper will remain for safety and water supply protection (the reservoir remains as part of the MWRA's emergency water supply).

- Walking trails around the reservoir and Schenk's Pond have been laid out with the assistance of George Bates. The trails are now open to the public; however the issue of automobile parking remains unsolved. At this time auto access to the site is not permitted because the MWRA plans to use the site to start rehabilitation and repair of the Hultman Aqueduct. This project will not commence for over a year, and the Working Group would like there to be auto access to the site until the project starts. However we have not been successful to date in getting the MWRA to agree to this plan. Access then remains by foot, with the entrance at Wellesley Street under the Turnpike being the most convenient.



Norumbega Reservoir – with covered water storage tank in background

On Advice from the Access subcommittee, , and the Water Supply Citizen's Advisory Committee, the Working Group has agreed that public access rules should prohibit motorized vehicles, bicycles or horseback riding on the trails. Unlike Weston Reservoir, no dogs will be allowed.

Weston Reservoir

- The Selectmen signed a 5 year MOA with the MWRA for the management of the Weston Reservoir. This was an extension of the 1 year trial contract which has proved to be a mutually agreeable program. The MWRA will continue to manage and maintain the reservoir and land inside the fence. The Town and a volunteer group known as the "Friends of the Weston Reservoir" agreed to undertake management of the land outside of the fence, including trail maintenance and the successful "MuttMitt" program.
- The rehabilitation of the Ash Street bridge over the open channel connecting the Weston Aqueduct to the Reservoir was completed. In addition a walkway was added to the reservoir side, making crossing of Ash Street safer for those who park and use the reservoir trails.

The attempt at replicating a vernal pool, which is currently behind the fence north of the Weston Reservoir, has been declared a success. As a consequence, the fence around this experiment has been removed.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is responsible for the review of land division, either through the construction of a subdivision road or through submission of an Approval Not Required Plan ("ANR") under the Subdivision Control Law, if sufficient frontage exists. In addition, the Board reviews and approves proposals for new residential development constructed on a Scenic Roads; for new houses that exceed a certain square footage; for commercial projects; for tree and stone wall removals provided that they occur within the Town's right of way on a designated Scenic Road; and for long range planning activities including proposed amendments to the zoning by-law and other land use regulations. In 2005, the Board held 42 formal meetings, numerous public hearings and 25 site walks.

In 2005 the Board:

- 1) reviewed and approved ten (10) Site Plan Approval Applications for new residential construction under the Residential Gross Floor Area ("RGFA") provision to the Zoning By-Law. Of these 10 "RGFA" Applications, 5 were for new construction along the Town's designated Scenic Roads;
- 2) reviewed and approved twelve (12) amendments to previously issued Approvals for new construction along Scenic Roads and/or proposed under the "RGFA" provision to the Zoning By-law;
- 3) endorsed three (3) Approval Not Required Plans under the Subdivision Control Law ("ANR");
- 4) reviewed one day care proposal and gave Site Plan Approval for one commercial use;
- 5) reviewed four (4) projects and gave Site Plan approval to three (3) projects under the Town's General By-Law, the Scenic Road By-law ;
- 6) reviewed and approved one (1) Flexible Development Subdivision Plan;
- 7) reviewed and approved one conventional preliminary subdivision plan;
- 8) reviewed one proposal for a telecommunications facility within a cupola of an existing historic barn and approved the assignment of a Special Permit for construction of a "stealth" flagpole from one carrier to another in the Personal Wireless Service Overlay District for improved telecommunications in the Town;
- 9) reviewed and gave recommendation to the Zoning Board of Appeals on a Comprehensive Permit Project under Chapter 40B MGL;
- 10) Developed and Town Meeting adopted a new provision to the zoning by-law permitting construction of housing for over 55 year olds in all Residence Districts. The By-law requires Town Meeting approval of a "Concept Plan" and issuance of a Special Permit by the Planning Board;
- 11) Updated fee schedule for review fees for consultants

Approval Not Required Plans

Submittal of an Approval Not Required Plan to the Planning Board for its endorsement is a means by which a landowner can subdivide his property, provided there is sufficient frontage, as determined by the Zoning By-law. The Planning Board endorsed 3 (three) "ANR" Plans under the Subdivision Control Law, for the following reconfigured lots:

- Creation of several non-buildable lots from the parcel at No. 335 Boston Post Road, owned by Clover Nichols, including parcel "A"-20, 750 SF; Parcel "B"-18,553 SF; Parcel "C"-13, 172 SF; Parcel "D"-153, 326 SF (to be purchased by the Town of Weston for connection to existing

Town Owned open space); one lot on Church Street as a potential site for an affordable housing unit.

- A reconfiguration of two building lots on Pine Street and 4 Deerpath Lane, owned by Reeves, into one building lot;
- Creation of Parcel "B" a 3.11 non-buildable lot, due to lack of frontage, from Lot "A", a 15.53 acre parcel, owned by Dickson, on Love Lane.

Site Plan Approval for Residential Construction

Ten projects that exceeded the Residential Gross Floor Area Ratio (RGFA) for a house greater than 10% of its lot size or a house that was greater than 6,000 SF were reviewed and approved by the Board. Five of these houses are located on a designated Scenic Road.

Teardowns: Ten of these applications and approvals were given to projects that included a teardown of the original smaller home. The teardowns include:

180 Ash Street	88 Merriam Street
56 Chestnut Street	193 Merriam Street
400 Concord Road	48 Shady Hill Road
15 Dogwood Road	81 Sherburne Circle
16 Driftwood Lane	111 Walker Street

The Board is in the process of reviewing two proposed new homes for 55 Hidden Road and 75 Cartpath Road, which will involve tear downs of the existing homes.

Vacant Parcels: As part of the Subdivision Approval for the Coburn's Barn Flexible development, one proposed new home at 14 Hitching Post Lane was granted site plan approval.

Conditions placed on all these projects include elimination of unnecessary exterior lighting, reducing the elevation of the house, maintenance of existing vegetation and addition of new vegetative buffers, reduction in the amount of impervious surface and management of stormwater.

The Board granted amendments to 12 of the following properties that were previously issued Special Permits or Site Plan Approvals: 448 Concord Road; 465 Glen Road; 85 Pine Street; 2 Ripley Lane; 55 Hallet Hill Road; 148 Highland Street; 541 North Avenue; 162 Highland Street; 118 Scotch Pine Road; 299 Meadowbrook Road; 29 Webster Road; and 100 Highland Street.

Town of Weston's General By-Laws, Article XXVI

Removal of stone walls and/or significant trees located in the public right of way of designated Scenic Roads requires prior approval from the Planning Board. The Board approved removal and reconstruction of stone walls at 409 Conant Road and 448 Highland Street. The Cambridge School of Weston presented their plans to the Board for construction of a barn-like maintenance building and removal and reconstruction of a portion of a stone wall on Lexington Street in order to reconfigure a driveway to the School. The work proposed was outside the Town's right of way. The Tree Warden presented a list of trees for removal that were either dead or in significant decline. The Planning Board approved the list submitted by the Tree Warden, after a public hearing.

Subdivision Approval

The Board approved one subdivision under the Flexible Development provision to the Zoning By-Law, approved a conventional preliminary subdivision plan and is in the process of reviewing a conventional definitive subdivision plan under the Subdivision Control Law and endorsed a previously approved subdivision.

The 3.47 acre Burr Property at the corner of Ash Street and Trailside Road was divided into two buildable lots under a Flexible Development Plan. The Trailside Road lot contains the existing house while the other lot contains no dwelling.

Regis College submitted a 3-lot residential preliminary subdivision plan for its 60 acre parcel located on the east side of Wellesley Street. The parcel is located across the street from the main campus of Regis College. The project proposes construction of a 700 foot double barreled road onto Wellesley Street. A definitive Subdivision Plan was filed within 7 months of the Preliminary Subdivision Plan. The Board is in the process of reviewing the Definitive Plan.

The Planning Board endorsed the previously approved 2-lot Flexible Development Plan for the Teller property at 727 Boston Post Road. Endorsement is the final step for approval of a subdivision plan and allows a plan to be filed at the Registry of Deeds, giving it legal status.

Highland Meadows Project

A majority of the Planning Board's time in 2006 was focused on creation of a new zoning use and plan for the 44 acre residential parcel owned by Highland Real Estate Development LLC, located between Highland Street and the Boston Post Road.

A new zoning use was adopted by Annual Town Meeting for all residential districts in Town. An Active Adult Residential Development ("AARD") is an alternative type of residential development, restricted to persons 55 years of age and older, with a minimum of 10% of the units declared affordable, as defined by the State. The purpose of the AARD is to provide alternative housing for a maturing population which reduces a residents' burden of property maintenance, encourages flexibility in site planning and protects natural features and scenic views and encourages the development of low and moderate income housing. The "AARD" provision to the by-law stipulates specific brite line standards for a development, specifically that the "AARD" parcel contains a minimum of 40 acres, excluding wetlands and floodplains; that the AARD provides at least 45% undisturbed, restored open space, and that the Total Residential Floor Area of buildings cannot exceed 11% (with the exception that bonus floor area up to 5% can be granted with the provision of public benefits); and that the maximum number of dwelling units per acre cannot exceed 1.5, excluding the affordable units.

Creation of an AARD on a specific parcel requires Site Plan Approval and Special Permit from the Planning Board, after adoption of a Concept Plan by Town Meeting vote.

Central to the AARD provision to the by-law is the requirement that Town Meeting adopt by two-thirds vote a Concept Plan so that Town residents can compare the impacts from a proposed AARD to the impacts from a by-right use and determine whether this is a suitable use of the land.

Highland Real Estate Development LLC hired Sasaki Associates to work with the Planning Board on a Concept Plan for the 44 acre Highland Street parcel that includes a no disturb zone around the perimeter of the parcel; 69 units of mostly detached housing with 7 units designated as affordable; construction or payment for one additional unit of affordable housing off-site; creation of walking trails established by permanent easement and deeded to the Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc, provision of substantial planting of trees and other vegetation in the perimeter buffer and within the site; limit on the amount of exterior lighting; provision of a clubhouse for members and adjacent tennis courts; waste disposal by an on site package treatment plant; historic renovation of the historic home on Boston Post Road; construction of a sidewalk along Highland Street, running along the property's frontage and reconstruction of the stone wall in the same area.

Subsequent to passage of the AARD provision to the Zoning By-law, Town Meeting adopted the Concept Plan.

Non Residential

The Planning Board granted site plan approval to Masterworx, for construction of a hair and nail salon on Colpitts Road.

The Board worked with Boston Properties on lighting and landscaping at the newly renovated historic Brotchie house, at the former Massachusetts Broken Stone site.

Telecommunications

The Board modified a Special Permit originally granted in 2003 to Sprint Spectrum L.P. to co locate its antenna on a "stealth" monopole within a flagpole, with AT&T Wireless PCS LLC as constructor of the pole. The flagpole was intended for the Police Station parcel on Boston Post Road. AT&T Wireless was acquired by Cingular before the pole was constructed and New Cingular Wireless PCS LLC has assigned to Sprint Spectrum L.P. all of the rights, title and interest in the proposed facility. The Planning Board issued a Special Permit to Sprint Spectrum L.P. for construction of the pole.

Other

Planning Board staff and consultants continued their practice of meeting with developers and prospective applicants on Thursday afternoon to explain the Site Plan Approval process for new construction under the Residential Gross Floor Area and Scenic Road By-Law.

After a presentation by the developers of a proposed 40B Project at No. 823 Boston Post Road, the historic "Hayfields" parcel, the Planning Board expressed its concern to the Board of Selectmen and Housing Needs Committee over the location of this development, within several hundred feet of an existing 40B development previously approved under the LIP process and endorsed by the Planning Board, and the demolition of historic outbuildings, as shown in the Plan for the development of Hayfields. The parcel is located along a National Register Historic District and the outbuildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and on the State Register. The 18th century house and the outbuildings represent one of the last remaining examples of a historic farm complex in Town.

The Planning Board met with the Board of Selectmen and Sam Park, Sam Park and Company LLC, the proposed developer of approximately 530,000 SF of office space on a parcel of land on Green Street in Waltham that abuts the Route 128/Route 20 interchange. The developer has proposed, with preliminary approval from the Massachusetts Highway Department, substantial traffic changes to the interchange including creation of a slip ramp from Green Street onto the interchange, which will proved a connector road between Route 117 and Route 20, and installation of at least two traffic signals around the interchange. This will have a significant impact on traffic accessing the Town of Weston.

In coordination with the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA"), a subcommittee was formed with two Planning Board members and one ZBA member to review the issue of retaining walls that are located within the zoning set back.

After public notice and a public hearing, the Board adopted a revision to its Project Review Fees, last revised in the mid 1990's.

Finally, the Board has met with numerous homeowners and developers over the year to discuss disposition and development of their land.

REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCIES

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is the regional planning and economic development district representing 101 cities and towns in metropolitan Boston. In addition, the Council shares oversight responsibility for the region's federally funded transportation program as one of 14 members of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Council's legislative mandate is to provide technical and professional resources to improve the physical, social and economic condition of its district, and to develop sound responses to issues of regional significance. The Council is governed by 101 municipal government representatives, 21 gubernatorial appointees, and 10 state and 3 city of Boston officials. An Executive Committee oversees agency operations and appoints an executive director. The agency employs approximately 30 professional and administrative staff. The Council is funded by contracts with government agencies and private entities, foundation grants, and a per-capita assessment charged to municipalities within the district.

In the past year, the Council has focused on initiatives that respond to regional challenges, some of which include:

- **MetroFuture:** Comprehensive regional plan which compares Bostonians vision of the future of the region with what is likely to occur if our current trends continue. Findings include:
 - By 2030, the region's population will increase by 10% while the number of households is projected to increase by 19%.
 - Fifteen percent of land that was open in 2000 will be developed by 2030.
 - While the under-55 population decreases and the number of older people increases, there will be demands for different housing and increased demand for health care, resulting in a near tripling of health care costs by 2030.
 - Communities whose water systems are not part of the MWRA will face serious water constraints by 2030.
- **Municipal Planning:** MAPC continues to assist municipalities in implementing Smart Growth Principles through local zoning changes and provides information regarding Smart Growth Overlay Districts enabled under Chapter 40R.
- **Metro Mayors Coalition:** MAPC works with mayors and city managers of 10 municipalities on issues such as purchasing, employee health insurance, regional public safety and municipal public finance; Staffed the statewide Municipal Finance Task Force which reinvigorates the partnership between local and state government; Formulated grant program to fund approach to youth violence, drug use, and gang activities in the region.
- **Metro Data Center,** an official US Census affiliate, helps to distribute demographic data throughout the communities and subregions of the greater Boston area.
- **Transportation Planning:** MAPC worked to develop the 25-year Regional Transportation Plan as well as the annual Transportation Improvement Program, including transportation spending priorities for the region. Population and employment projections to 2030 to be used for modeling the new Regional Transportation Plan and MetroFuture were developed.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** The Legislative Committee has worked to promote legislation of regional interest and/or guided by smart growth principles; priorities include: reform of

state's surplus land disposition policy, recapitalization of the brownfields redevelopment fund, reform of the state's antiquated zoning laws, and repeat offender legislation.

- **Metropolitan Highway System Advisory Board:** MAPC advises the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority on issues relative to land use, air rights, zoning, and environmental impacts associated with development of land owned by authority.
- **Regional Services Consortia:** Collectively procured more than \$3,000,000 in office supplies for 32 municipalities and \$16,000,000 in services for highway maintenance services. MAPC also facilitates collegial forums among members' chief administrative officers that focus on collective problem solving and resource sharing; and, with the Greater Boston Police Council, local governments in procuring police, public works and general use vehicles, along with various public safety supplies.
- **Public Safety and Homeland Security:** MAPC provides planning and fiduciary services to the Northeast Homeland Security Regional Advisory Council, the Northeastern Law Enforcement Council and the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council; including procurement, research, and planning enhancements of public safety services to ensure preparation of terrorist attacks or natural disasters.
- **Hazard Mitigation:** Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) helps communities prepare for natural disasters; In 2005 MAPC completed PDM plans for 20 communities; Plans for Boston and several neighboring communities will be completed in 2006. FEMA has awarded a grant for PDM plans in 28 towns in three suburban subregions, beginning in 2006.
- **495/MetroWest Water Resources and MAPC** completed three major components of comprehensive water strategy for the corridor (*Massachusetts Low Impact Development Toolkit, Once Is Enough*, and two regional contracts for Leak Detection Services).
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy:** Every 5 years, MAPC is responsible for developing a CEDS in partnership with the Economic Development Administration. The strategy developed in 2005 contains an analysis of economic trends and conditions, and invites a regional response to five highlighted challenges to economic well-being in the area.
- **Wind Power:** With the help of a grant from Massachusetts Technology Collaborative MAPC recently completed project to help coastal communities analyze opportunities and obstacles to siting land-based wind turbines on municipally-controlled properties.
- **MEPA Project Reviews:** MAPC reviews projects under MEPA and submits comments on projects with significant regional impacts.

More information about MAPC is available at www.mapc.org

REPORT OF THE METROWEST GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MetroWest Growth Management Committee (MWGMC) was formed in 1985 and includes leaders from Ashland, Framingham, Holliston, Marlborough, Natick, Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, and Weston. It is the oldest subregional group of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). MWGMC serves as a think tank and advocate for locally initiated regional solutions to policy and planning challenges shared by MetroWest communities in the areas of land use, natural resources and the environment, housing, transportation, economic development, demographic and socioeconomic data, and legislative issues. It also serves as a forum for state and local officials to address issues of regional importance.

One selectman/mayor or city council member and one planning board member represent each member community. Funding for the MWGMC comes from member assessments, grants and contracts. MWGMC maintains an office in Natick and employs a staff of two to deliver core services to member communities. Weston's representative to the Committee is Selectman Douglas Gillespie.

Growth management requires elected officials to balance new development, protect the environment, and provide funding for municipal services – all while maintaining a community's unique quality of life. The Committee serves as a think tank and advocate for locally initiated regional solutions to policy and planning challenges shared by MetroWest communities. The Committee regularly holds Planners' Roundtables and brings together elected officials and planning staff from neighboring communities to address regional growth management issues. Some of the focused initiatives that respond to regional challenges this past year include:

- **First meeting of MetroWest Housing Task Force.** Subsequently arranged for series of workshops on how to derive beneficial results from scarce dollars available for affordable housing;
- **"You Can't Grow if You Can't Go"** – summit regarding MetroWest's transportation needs and services with a goal of connecting the transportation discussion to our economic well-being, housing needs and environment;
- **Low Impact Development Bylaw (LID)** – received EOEA Smart Growth Technical Assistance grant and other funding sources to develop bylaws on behalf of Framingham and Southborough, which may be included in annual town meetings;
- **Technical Assistance** – reinstatement of program to members offering assistance with zoning, drafting general bylaws, GIS, pictometry, and other information services;
- **Community Preservation Act: 5 Years of Experience** – joint subregional meeting highlighted achievements from Community Preservation Act funds;
- **Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation** – MAPC and MetroWest will work with communities to identify natural hazards and develop disaster mitigation strategies, thereby enhancing eligibility to receive federal disaster mitigation funds;
- **Legislative Breakfasts** – provides MetroWest local officials with a forum to exchange ideas directly with state legislators;
- **Suburban Mobility Program LIFT9** – MWGMC Transportation Task Force submitted a proposal that has been funded for a Route 9 bus to provide service from the Route 9/90 crossing to the Golden Triangle commercial area in Framingham and Natick; service should begin early 2006;
- **Weston Nurseries Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant** – will finance a regional dialogue and review of potential development of the 900-acre Weston Nurseries property and surrounding areas.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Although there were no events in 2005 that required activation of Weston's Emergency Management System, the devastating Pacific tsunami and Hurricane Katrina brought to light the importance of having a current emergency plan. To this end we have begun a project in cooperation with the Council on Aging to identify those members of our community who may be the most in need of assistance in the event of a disaster. Our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEM) was reviewed by members of the Town's Emergency Management Team and updated with the State. This plan will be critical in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency in Weston.

We cannot stress enough the need to have a plan in place for your family in the event of a disaster. This plan should include basic food and water for a minimum of 48 hours, essential documents and phone numbers, and a communications plan. Information on planning and other disaster related topics can be found through the American Red Cross as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONAL SERVICES

Referring to our table of contents and comparing new dwelling and additions for FY05 compared to FY04, permits were up 44% and 40% respectively. Also the number of permits issued for plumbing, gas, and electrical installations increased over this period. The significant projects either started or completed during this period were:

- 680 South Avenue, a Chapter 40B condominium comprised of 16 residential units, four of which are affordable. The entire development was nearly completed by the end of December 2005.
- Post Road Green at 809 to 811 Boston Post Road, another residential Chapter 40B development, consisting of eight units, two of which are affordable, was completed in FY05.

Another multiple dwelling area known as Jericho Village was changed to condominium ownership and renamed Stonegate at Weston. Most of the dwelling units were issued permits to update the kitchens, baths and roofs and update plumbing and electrical systems as needed.

A gas explosion of a dwelling on North Avenue (by a miracle no one was injured) but the explosion completely destroyed the dwelling. The department extends our sympathy to the residents of this dwelling.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND WIRES
CALENDAR YEAR 2005 AND 6-YEAR SUMMARY REPORT

	2005			2004			2003		
	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)
Single Family Residence	52	43,030,558	429,810	36	29,907,795	297,408	27	22,406,625	224,073
Multiple Dwelling District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building-Commercial	1	1,568,178	15,682	-	-	-	1	4,346,650	n/a
Additions/Alterations/									
Repairs - Residential	258	25,766,459	259,264	184	21,906,604	218,770	195	25,132,569	251,768
Additions/Alterations/									
Repairs - Commercial	10	1,419,000	14,190	12	1,108,000	11,080	10	2,937,970	29,381
*Other Construction/									
Residential	192	3,606,022	38,736	207	3,899,526	43,500	178	3,600,285	40,431
*Other Construction/									
Commercial/Municipal	22	584,360	1,892	38	1,197,908	12,815	23	681,978	7,025
Miscellaneous and									
Periodic Inspections	62	-	4,602	86	-	5,745	79	-	5,465
Total Construction	596	75,974,577	764,176	563	58,019,833	589,318	513	59,106,050	559,143
Gas Permits	351		15,668	345	-	12,609	349	-	13,593
Plumbing Permits	436		33,727	432	-	28,986	381	-	25,683
Wiring Permits	671		68,197	605	-	48,565	575	-	45,945
Total	1,458		117,592	1,382		90,160	1,305		85,221
*Demolition (included above)	34			40		8,000	24		4,900

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND WIRES (continued)

	2002			2001			2000		
	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)	Permits Issued (Number)	Estimated Value (Dollars)	Fees (Dollars)
Single Family Residence	27	19,647,072	196,511	45	32,131,975	293,954	37	19,997,522	171,091
Multiple Dwelling District	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Building-Commercial	4	10,286,444	93,400	2	8,905,400	89,054	1	2,740,000	27,400
Additions/ Alterations/									
Repairs (Residential)	169	22,699,900	229,497	152	14,528,664	145,555	167	22,105,586	217,466
Additions/ Alterations/									
Repairs (Commercial)	8	500,500	4,805	9	38,568,716	41,188	9	2,803,337	28,245
*Other Construction/									
Residential	208	3,257,959	37,291	199	3,256,282	36,502	197	3,120,778	36,334
*Other Construction/									
Commercial/Municipal	23	245,315	2,665	23	296,573	2,620	28	188,343	2,650
Miscellaneous and									
Periodic Inspections	89	-	6,810	62	-	2,700	70	-	8,176
Total Construction	528	56,637,190	570,979	492	97,687,610	611,573	519	50,955,566	491,362
Gas Permits	363	-	13,884	363	-	13,506	306	-	10,963
Plumbing Permits	381	-	27,658	381	-	26,063	363	-	23,360
Wiring Permits	612	-	69,132	587	-	42,041	512	-	42,166
Total Construction	1,356		110,674	1,331		81,610	1,181		76,489
*Demolition (included above)	33		6,600	28		5,650			

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

In calendar year 2005 the Weston Fire Department responded to 2,032 calls for service. Although our call volume was in line with the past few years we suffered four major loss fires, one fire fatality and one serious fire injury. As a department we cannot stress enough the need for all of us to continue to make a conscious effort to protect ourselves from the dangers of fire including installing and testing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; and having and practicing a home escape plan.

In 2005 the fire department received a competitive Federal grant for \$194,000 to upgrade our emergency radio system. This upgraded system will ensure our ability to communicate more effectively not only with the Weston Police Department and surrounding fire departments, but it will provide the Town of Weston with a reliable radio frequency for our own Emergency Management operations.

Fire Prevention remains a core component of our mission. Although we have had to curtail some activities in this area due to budget restrictions, we continue to conduct some school visits, and required fire safety inspections. These inspections include oil burning equipment, liquefied propane installations, home fire alarm systems, underground fuel tank removals, and blasting operations. In addition, quarterly inspections of nursing care and other facilities were conducted as required by law.

Over the summer we completed the roof and building envelope repairs to our two fire stations. The completion of these projects guarantees that our stations will remain in service for decades to come.

While our Emergency Ambulance Service accounted for just under 50% of our call volume, the department's Emergency Medical Technicians and First Responders continue to provide a critical service to the residents of Weston. As we continue to see more defibrillators placed in the community we cannot stress enough the importance of bystander CPR. Residents wishing to take a class in CPR or learn more about defibrillators are encouraged to contact the fire department.

2005 saw the retirement of three veteran members of the Department. Call Firefighter Robert G. Hutchinson, Captain Peter M. Perrin, and Captain Daniel J. Robertson retired after over 80 years of collective service with the department. Although their retirements are well deserved, the loss of the knowledge and wisdom that only comes with years of service will be difficult to replace.

We look back with gratitude to all of those who have supported and assisted this Department in many ways. Citizen support and cooperation is essential if we are to continue to keep our Town fire safe and maintain an effective level of service. To the citizens of Weston, the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Town Manager, and the members of the Weston Fire Department who have all worked so diligently, I extend my sincere appreciation and thanks.

2005 DEPARTMENT STATISTICS:

(Year ending December 31, 2005)

In 2003 the Weston Fire Department responded to 198 Bell Alarms and 1,834 Still Alarms for a total of 2,032 incidents as follows:

Fire Incidents	==== 135
Ambulance Incidents	==== 917
Other Emergency Services	==== 980

Mutual Aid:

Received from neighboring communities	==== 135 times
Provided to our neighbors	==== 129 times

The Emergency Ambulance Service responded to 917 incidents as follows of which 827 were medical emergencies and 190 were motor vehicle accidents.

COMPARISON OF ALARMS ANSWERED -- 10 YEAR PERIOD

1996	1,825 Alarms	2001	2,080 Alarms
1997	1,657 Alarms	2002	1,803 Alarms
1998	1,740 Alarms	2003	1,990 Alarms
1999	1,773 Alarms	2004	2,007 Alarms
2000	1,883 Alarms	2005	2,032 Alarms

10 Year Average	== 1,879 Incidents Annually
5 Year Average	== 1,982 Incidents Annually
3 Year Average	== 2,010 Incidents Annually

Permits Issued Pursuant To Massachusetts General Laws:

Burning Permits	255
Blasting Permits	9
Carpet Installations	0
LP Gas Storage Permits	31
Tank Truck Inspections	2
Cutting & Welding Permits	3
Explosives Storage Permits	0
Flammable Liquid Storage Permits	2
Underground Tank Removal Permits	9
Oil Burner Installations/Alterations	45
Fire Alarm Systems - New Construction	118
Fire Alarm Systems - Residential Sales	149

Fiscal Year 2005 Revenue Turned Over To The Town Treasurer:

Fees for Ambulance Services Rendered	== \$	236,585.00
Fees for Services to Mass. Turnpike Authority	== \$	17,900.00
Fees for Permits	== \$	14,475.00
Master Box Fees	== \$	23,000.00
All Other Revenues Received	== \$	76.00
Total Revenue Year 2005	== \$	292,036.00

DEPARTMENT APPARATUS INVENTORY

<u>APPARATUS</u>		<u>TYPE</u>		<u>YEAR PURCHASED</u>
Car - 2	=	4 WD Expedition	=	2003
Car - 3	=	4 WD Expedition	=	1998
Car - 4	=	4 WD Pickup Truck	=	1998
Engine - 1	=	1,250 GPM Pumper	=	1996
Engine - 2	=	1,000 GPM Pumper	=	1990
Engine - 3	=	1,250 GPM Pumper	=	2002
Engine - 4	=	1,000 GPM Pumper	=	1985
Engine - 5	=	4 WD Brush Truck	=	1991
Rescue - 3	=	Technical Rescue Unit	=	1999
Rescue - 4	=	Technical Rescue Unit	=	1970
Ladder - 1	=	85' Aerial Ladder	=	1977
Chief's Car	=	4 WD Explorer	=	1999
Ambulance - 1	=	1999 Horton ERV	=	1999
Ambulance - 2	=	1992 Braun ERV	=	1992
Boat & Trailer	=	14' Flat Bottom	=	1973
Fire Alarm Truck	=	35' Aerial Bucket	=	2005

REPORT OF THE PARKING CLERK

Vehicles violating town and/or state parking regulations may be ticketed by the Police Department. If a ticket remains unpaid and no request for a hearing has been made to the Parking Clerk within 21 days, additional fines may be imposed (in Weston there is a \$5.00 late fee for each unpaid violation) and, after notice to the vehicle's owner, the ticket is marked at the Registry of Motor Vehicles. Once a vehicle has been marked at the Registry, the owner may not renew or his or her driver's license or vehicle registration until all fines and late fees plus a \$20.00 penalty have been paid and a release has been issued by the Parking Clerk.

Safety issues and traffic circulation are of primary concern in establishing and enforcing parking restrictions. Of greatest importance is the ability of emergency vehicles to gain unimpeded access to all areas of the town when needed.

Massachusetts law prohibits parking within 10 feet of a fire hydrant or 20 feet of an intersection, in crosswalks, on State Highways or in handicapped spaces without a handicap license or placard. Town regulations include a two hour time limit for parking in the town center, a prohibition on parking on any Town Road unless there is a 10 foot wide lane for traffic flowing in each direction, restrictions on where parking is permitted at the Weston Public Schools, the Kendal Green train station and other town facilities, and restrictions on parking on various streets due to safety considerations.

Since the summer of 2005, the Parking Clerk and the Assistant Treasurer have the capability of checking ticket status on line. Tickets may now be paid at the Treasurer and Collector's Office.

Questions may be addressed to the Parking Clerk at Town Hall or to the Police Department. Information is also available at www.weston.org.

The following is a summary of parking activity for the year ended June 30, 2005:

Tickets issued	122	Fines levied:	\$ 1,305.00
Tickets paid	108	Total fines collected	\$ 2,160.00
Tickets dismissed:	2	Fines dismissed	\$ 30.00
Tickets adjusted	14	Fines Adjusted	\$ 75.00

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year of 2005 has brought with it continued concerns about traffic issues. From January to December the Weston Police Department investigated a total of 309 accidents, one of the highest crash rates in the state. During the year we investigated five fatalities, a record number for this town. We continue to work together with residents, town organizations, the Traffic Advisory Committee and outside agencies looking for ways to address this problem that grows ever worse each year. I encourage those of you with ideas for areas of concern, traffic flow issues and "traffic calming" measures to reach out to the Traffic Advisory Committee with your suggestions. Please keep in mind when doing so that the Town has persistent budget concerns and large scale projects with major road construction are expensive projects that cannot be entered into on a trial basis without great cost.

This year the department had two retirements; Officer Rich Staunton and Officer Ron Benotti, both having given thirty years of service to the Town, we wish them both well. In the next few years there will be many new faces at the P.D. with new recruits coming in to fill vacancies left by retiring officers. Replacement seems to come in cycles and we are experiencing just that. Between 2005 and 2006 I expect at least six new officers to take the place of officers that have reached retirement age. While we will miss the retiring officers this is an exciting opportunity to bring new blood and fresh ideas to the department. I have every confidence that these new additions to our ranks will be outstanding officers who are welcomed by all.

Internet fraud and identity theft continue to present the fastest growing crimes not only for Weston but the entire country. We urge everyone to use extreme caution when entering into financial agreements online and over the phone. Disregard any emails soliciting any deal requiring you to put up front money with a promise of a large payoff. Keep in mind the old adage: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is. When accepting online payments beware of anyone who sends bank or personal checks that exceed the amount of the agreed upon payment with a request to send back the balance of the overage. You will soon get a call from your bank notifying you that the check was bogus and not only will you have lost your goods for sale but also be stuck for the amount of the money sent. Check your credit card statements religiously and report discrepancies to your financial institutions and the police. Do not give personal or financial information to anyone if you do not know that the transaction will be secure. When reporting incidents to the police department be aware that many of these online frauds cross jurisdictional lines and the only recourse for the police is to take an initial report and forward it on to the proper authorities.

We at the Police Department wish to thank everyone for the tremendous support that has been extended to us in the past and wish everyone a safe year in 2006. We urge all residents to call anytime with concerns or to report suspicious activity. The community is an extension of our department's eyes and we depend on you to make us aware of things that are of concern, so we ask you to help us help you.

Revenues Generated by the Police Department in Calendar Year 2005

1. Reimbursed from Commonwealth of Massachusetts for Career Education Incentive Plan:	\$	124,231.00
2. Parking fines paid		2,695.00
3. Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex at Waltham, fines and assessments		5,440.00
4. Requests for copies of reports - insurance co. etc:		1,721.00
5. Fees collected for issuance of firearms permits:		8,300.00
Total:		142,387.00

2005 Police Department Statistics

Automobile accidents investigated	309	Orders violated	1
Persons reported injured	69	E911 Emergency calls recorded	782
Accidents involving bicycles	2	Fire department, assist on calls (other than rescue calls)	465
Accidents involving pedestrians	1	Lockouts, auto/home	30
Accidents - fatal	4	Lost property found in Weston	24
Accidents involving deer	36	Obscene & Harassing phone calls reported	36
Automobile thefts	0	Street lights reported out	526
Burglar alarms investigated	1,294	Sudden deaths investigated	9
Officers responding to burglar alarms	2,604	Traffic warnings forwarded to Registry	1,079
Complaints and investigations (excluding dog)	13,926	Unlawful Credit Card Use & Checks	19
Complaints referred to Dog Officer	104	Civil citations forwarded to Registry	709
Animal Complaints Investigated by Police Officer	90	Trespassing	6
Report of dog bites	4	Acts of vandalism reported	85
Domestic abuse orders	35	Mailbox Damage	47
Emergency orders served	1		

Major Crimes Reported to Police in 2005

Assault and battery	5	Unlawful entry - no force	4
Burglaries reported	7	Attempts	6
Forcible entry	4	Larcenies reported	26

Motor Vehicle Violation/Complaints - 2005

Disobey signs, signals, markings	39	335.00
Cracked Windshield	5	105.00
Fail to keep right	9	100.00
Fail to keep right, view obstructed	3	100.00
Fail to yield at intersection	71	1,050.00
Stop sign violation, Town road	108	3040.00
Not wearing proper seatbelt restraint	59	1,110.00
Operating, no license/registration in possession	58	1,090.00
Fail to report name/address change	4	70.00
Fail to signal before stopping/turning	3	25.00
Fail to yield for traffic left	9	35.00
Non-inspected motor vehicle	394	7,800.00
Operating, after license suspended	45	
Operating uninsured motor vehicle	26	
Operating, no display of registration sticker	6	
Defective equipment	128	1,355.00
Operating unregistered motor vehicle	38	1,800.00
Operating, violation of Town by-laws	6	80.00
Operating, violation of DPW rules/regulations	16	235.00
Speeding	671	32,980.00
Fail to stop - Red light	52	1,955.00
Miscellaneous	245	2,538.00

Adult Arrests and Other Court Cases - 2005

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Assault and Battery Domestic	6	1
B&E	1	1
False Documents	1	
Identity Fraud	1	
Possession of Burglary Tools	3	
Larceny	1	
Minor Transporting Alcohol	3	
Operating Under the Influence of Alcohol	18	4
Operating after License Suspended	25	7
Operating Without Valid License	6	
Possession Class A	1	
Possession Class C	2	
Possession Class D - Marijuana	7	
Selling to Minor	1	
Trespassing	2	
Warrants Served	<u>24</u>	<u>3</u>
Total:	102	16

Disposition of Arrests - 2005

Dismissed- court cost	18
Arrest Turned over to other PD	12
Guilty	2
Dismissed	3
Cont. without a Finding	19
Sufficient Facts/Fine Assessment	18
Cases Cont. until 2006	38
Total:	96

2005 Juvenile Investigations/Complaints*

	<u>Male</u>	Female
Assault	3	0
Breaking & Entering	0	0
Child in Need of Services	0	0
Disorderly/Disturbance	11	4
Drug Offenses	10	2
Domestic Complaints	4	1
Fire Setting	0	0
Liquor Violations/possession/ use	24	13
Pellet Gun	0	0
Poss. Of Dangerous Weapon	1	0
Runaway	0	0
Miscellaneous	<u>31</u>	<u>14</u>
Total:	84	34

Juvenile court appearances:	44
Settled at school or family level	61
Referred to outside agency:	17

*Note: For the purpose of this report, juvenile matters are reported for ages 7 through 17. State reporting is for ages 7 through 16.

REPORT OF THE SIDEWALK AND TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Early in the year, at the suggestion of the Selectmen, it was decided to merge the Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety Committee and the Traffic Advisory Committee into a single committee. This made a lot of sense as the work of the two committees overlapped with respect to matters concerning Pedestrian and Vehicular Safety.

The Committee met throughout the year to deal with items primarily to do with traffic and safety. We hope that some ledge/rock removal items and signage additions on Sudbury Road can be completed by spring.

There has not been much activity on sidewalks due to lack of funding. We are hopeful that the section of walk on Ash Street from the reservoir to Newton Street can be constructed in 2006, after review with neighbors and Town Boards.

We are in the early stages of reviewing traffic patterns at the Boston Post Road/Church Street/School Street intersection to see if anything can be done to ease congestion and improve safety during rush hour crunch time.

We continue to address individual concerns whether they come directly from individuals or are forwarded by the Selectmen.

Members of the committee are listed on page 11.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mission Statement

The mission of the Town of Weston's Department of Public Works is:

- To construct and maintain the physical infrastructure that provides for the public's health and safety.
- To protect the environment.
- To enhance the quality of life, and to ensure that Weston continues to be a desirable place in which to live and conduct business.

The mission of the DPW will be accomplished through an equitable and cost effective delivery of the following services and products:

Activities to ensure community health and protect the environment:

- The provision of water.
- The drainage of surface water.
- The disposal of waste refuse.
- The recycling of waste.
- The composting of leaves and yard waste.
- The maintaining of parks, cemeteries and recreation areas.

Activities to provide for the safety of pedestrians and motorists:

- The construction and maintenance of roads and sidewalks.
- The provision of street signs, traffic signals, and pavement markings.
- The sanding/deicing, plowing, and removal of snow.

Report of the Highway Division

The Highway Division is responsible for the maintenance and care of the roads and sidewalks in Town as well as all street signage, guardrails and pavement markings. The seven individuals that make up this division accomplished the following special projects this past year:

- Road preparation and supervise Installation of Stone seal Surface Treatment on:

Beaver Road	Nobscot Road
Black Oak Road	Radcliff Road
Deer Path Lane	Sylvan Lane
Middle Way	
- Road preparation and supervision for overlay of Scotch Pine Road.
- Road preparation and supervision for the cold planing and overlay of a section of Wellesley Street and Cliff Road.
- Prepared and supervised the full depth reclamation and paving of the parking lots at the Middle School and a small section of the roadway at the Middle School.
- Prepared and supervised the full depth reclamation and paving of a section of School Street.
- Prepared and supervised the remaining site work at the DPW Yard Salt Shed including the underground electrical conduit and a water main extension (320') with a hydrant.

In addition, vegetation was cut back on the sides of many roads, as well as the removal of tree limbs hanging over roads and sidewalks to promote safe vehicular and pedestrian travel in Town.

The Highway Division responds to snow and ice emergencies as well as downed trees and roadway hazards (potholes).

Report of the Stormwater Division

The Stormwater Division is responsible for the maintenance of the Town's storm drains and waterways. This division is made up of three individuals whose focus is promoting Stormwater Management as prescribed by the EPA. Areas of attention include street sweeping, catch basin cleaning, repairs to catch basins and drainage systems and the clearing of brush and debris from brooks, streams and waterways.

Operation highlights of the past year include:

- Rebuilding of 21 drainage structures in various locations around town. Built 12 new drainage structures and replaced 150 LF of Drain Pipes.
- The jetting of 13 drainage systems.
- Removed approximately 220 tons of debris from 151 catch basins.
- Cleared streams, brooks and waterways of brush and debris along Boston Post Road By Pass, Warren Avenue, Cliff Road, Golden Ball Road, Deer Path Lane.
- Swept 87 miles of roadway twice, removing 2360 tons of debris.
- Worked with the Town Engineer, Board of Health and The Conservation Commission to eliminate Stormwater, Wetland and Pollution problems.
- Assisted the other DPW divisions in emergencies and their day to day operations.
- Worked with the Highway Division completing the DPW Yard Salt Shed site work including the underground electric conduit and a water main extension (320') with a hydrant.

The Stormwater Division also responds to snow and ice emergencies as well as all reports of flooding in the Town.

Report of the Park & Cemetery Division

The primary responsibility of the Park & Cemetery staff is the care, maintenance, and operation of the Town's Cemeteries. This includes planning funeral arrangements with residents, carrying out interment and committal services, and tending to perpetual care of the landscape. This same crew also cares for several scenic parks and the grounds at an assortment of Town buildings including Town Hall.

Activities of the past year revolved around landscape improvements and beautification projects in the Town Center. These efforts would not have been possible without the invaluable help and dedication of volunteer organizations including the Public Spaces Committee, Weston Garden Club, Country Garden Club, and the Community League Garden Club. The members of these groups provide Weston with a vast resource of knowledge, talent, and an unwavering desire to improve our surroundings. Couple this with the backing of a dedicated group of Town employees, and the results can be amazing.

A Copper Beech Tree was planted at Lamson Park in memory of Joan B. Vernon, who passed away February 13, 2005. Joan was chairman of the Board of Selectmen at the time, and had been involved in Town politics and community affairs for 35 years. A plaque commemorating her

contribution to the Town was installed and dedicated on June 15. The ceremony was led by Ann Leibowitz, who agreed to finish out the remainder of Joan's term on the Board.



*Noah and Aidan Vernon water in Petunias at the tree dedication ceremony in honor of their grandmother Joan B. Vernon.
Photo courtesy of the Weston Town Crier*

Other projects included

Revitalization of the front planting beds at the entrance to Town Hall, directed by the Public Spaces Committee. The old yews were removed and an army of volunteers hand-dug hundreds of Daffodil bulbs and replanted them on the Town Green. The Committee collaborated with Weston Nurseries of Hopkinton, which agreed to donate the design and installation of a planting scheme; consisting of more than 40 flowering shrubs and trees which should provide a scenic gateway to Town Hall for years to come as no funds were available for landscaping. In turn, we installed a plaque recognizing their generosity. A pair of large stone planters were also added, flanking the front stairs of the historic building, in which Country Garden Club member Meg Steiner installed a creative mixture of plants with multi-seasonal interest

- Masking the above-ground mechanical components of the Town Hall septic system on the Town Green. The Landscape Design Committee of the Weston Garden Club, led by Marilyn Doyle, presented a plan to mask and incorporate these components into the landscape. Using a design that reflected the Frederick Law Olmstead style of architecture in which the Town Green was created. More than 20 native shrubs and trees were installed. At the same time, several Kousa Dogwoods were planted along the tree line east and west of the central path in order to replace older varieties that had succumbed to disease. Funds set aside for the preservation and maintenance of the Green were used to finance this endeavor.

During the summer, many volunteers took turns carrying heavy hoses and buckets down to the Green to water the new plantings and ensuring a healthy start to their survival. Such effort and dedication is vital in order to sustain a new landscape. Without the willingness of residents to participate in a manner reflecting pride of community spirit projects such as these would not be possible.

- Revitalization of the landscaping at the main Fire Station following the completion of repairs to the building. With the help of Public Spaces Committee members Dorothea Santos and Tinka Zeitvogel, a variety of flowering plants and perennials were installed to replace the overgrown yews.
- Maintenance of seasonal plantings at the Knox Memorial (the triangle at the entrance to Town House Road) consisting of Tulips in the spring, Petunias and Celosia for summer, and ending with Mums and Kale for the fall.

Beyond the center of town, the following projects were undertaken:

- * At the traffic island at the intersection of Route 30 and Newton Street, and again, with the help of several members of the Public Spaces Committee, old plants were removed, the soil was amended, and many new varieties of flowering perennials and ornamental grasses were installed.
- * Several hundred Daffodil bulbs for planting in Linwood Cemetery this fall were donated. by Ruth Leiby, owner of Leiby's Garden and Flower Shop.
- * George and Nancy Bates made a very generous contribution to Linwood Cemetery by the donation of two granite benches and a memorial tablet for the establishment of a cremation garden.
- * Town resident Betsy Spencer, adopted the care and maintenance of the planting bed installed at the Police Station last year, tending it all season long. She transplanted hundreds of Vinca plants from her garden to the station, weeded, primped and watered. She is a shining example of the kind of community effort necessary in order for these projects to remain beautiful and healthy for all to enjoy.

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of our friend and Public Spaces Committee member Helen Freidberg. She was instrumental in completing one of the first planted traffic islands in town as well as playing an integral role in many projects. Her knowledge and sense of civic responsibility will be deeply missed.

The Rotary Club of Weston has presented a plan to renovate the existing pathway and steps that traverse the Town Green as part of their Centennial Community Project. The project has received approval from the Board of Selectmen and is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2006.

Throughout the year assistance was given to and received from other Town departments including Highway, Water, Recreation, and Schools.

For information regarding Weston's cemeteries please contact William O'Neil at 781-893-1263 Ext. 16.

The department's fiscal year 2005 statistics are as follows:

<u>Interments</u> -		<u>Memorials</u>	
Casket -	60	Monuments -	17
Cremation -	36	Markers -	14
Interment Fees Collected -	24	Fees Collected -	\$5,760.00
	\$31,600.00		
<u>Lot Sale Fees Collected</u>			
Perpetual Care Trust Fund -			\$20,580.00
Sale of Lots Fund -			28,470.00
Town Clerk Recording Fees -			80.00
<u>Total Cemetery Revenue -</u>			\$86,490.00

Report of the Solid Waste and Recycling Division

Our monthly recycling rates ranged from 32% to 47% with an average of 37.5% during fiscal year 2005. In fiscal year 2005, the average cost to process recycled product was \$22.41 per ton, a decrease of \$0.24 per ton from fiscal year 2004. The average cost to process our solid waste was \$122.39 per ton, an increase of \$3.73 per ton from fiscal year 2004. One thousand five hundred three (1,523) tons of material was removed from the waste stream by recycling. During fiscal year 2005 recycling generated \$10,924 in revenue and saved a total of \$126,765 in avoided disposal costs. Recycling is a tremendous cost avoidance for the Town with the added potential of some revenue.

The annual household hazardous waste collection day will now be held in the spring instead of the fall. The next collection day will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the Department of Public Works, 190 Boston Post Road By-Pass (Route 20), from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. This event is open to Weston residents only. Commercial and industrial wastes will not be accepted. For information please call the Department of Public Works at 781-893-1263.

Yard waste is now being collected at the Transfer Station as an added convenience to residents. All residents are welcome to recycle at no charge. An annual fee covers the disposal of Solid Waste. The Transfer Station off of Church Street accommodates all residential trash disposal needs. You may recycle the following: glass containers, newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard, all metals, tin cans, deposit containers, plastic, brush, logs, leaves, grass and other yard trimmings. We also provide a collection area for televisions, computer monitors, and components per DEP mandate. Donated clothing and household goods for Pine Street Inn and Goodwill Industries are accepted at the Transfer Station as well. Removing these items from the waste stream will result in a continued reduction of expenditures on Solid Waste and Recycling Operations as well as aiding us in our goal for a cleaner and healthier environment.

Thank you to all individuals and families that continue to recycle. Our recycling program is a success because of your enthusiastic effort!

School and youth groups received tours of the Transfer Station and Recycling Facility. Interested organizations or individuals should call the DPW office at 781-893-1263.

The Division's statistics for fiscal year 2005 are as follows:

<i>Solid Waste and Recycling Revenues</i>		<i>Processed at the Transfer Station</i>	
Resident Permit Sales	\$301,870.00	Total Solid Waste	2,551 Tons
Recycling Proceeds	10,924.00	Total Recycled	1,523 Tons
Total Solid Waste & Recycling	\$ 312,794.00	Total Materials	4,074 Tons

Report of the Town Engineer

The Town Engineer is responsible for the implementation of the capital improvements program for the DPW, including water, roadway and drainage system improvements, and management of special projects arising.

Projects accomplished with Town Engineer involvement in 2005 included:

Newton Street and North Avenue Water System Improvements design, bidding and construction management

Geographic Information System (GIS) delivery of planimetric, topographic and parcel datasets and program development including staff training, creation of standardized map layers, paper map products, and field collection of water and drainage system infrastructure utilizing Global Positioning Systems (GPS). See report of GIS Committee for more information.

Environmental Management System created for Department of Public Works and Police Department which includes but not limited to: Oil Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure plans for DPW.

Other projects included the Cook's Pond dam repair and pump installation, and the Landfill gas mitigation, which includes monthly monitoring of gas levels at perimeter wells.

Drainage improvement projects at Crescent Street, Driftwood Lane, & Cliff Road. Stormwater Phase II permit annual report filed with DEP, and the construction of a sidewalk at the Field School.

Routine work includes review of private development plans for conformance with Weston Stormwater Regulations, participation on Traffic Committee, Emergency Management Committee, and assistance to other departments and the public on matters regarding the location and use of the public way.

Report of the Water Division

The Water Division is responsible for supplying water to 3,585 customers in the Town of Weston. The three individuals that make up this division maintain 106 miles of water main, 940 hydrants, a pump facility and four water storage tanks that store 2,721,000 gallons of water purchased from the MWRA.

Operational highlights of the year include:

- Emergency repair of seven water main breaks.
- The replacement of 10 old and deficient hydrants in various locations.
- A comprehensive leak detection survey of two-thirds (2/3) of the town's underground piping systems resulting in the discovery of 1 main leak. This leak was repaired.
- Assisted homeowners in locating and repairing 13 service leaks.
- Installed new water main on North Avenue.
- All hydrants were located with the Global Positioning System.
- The town receives all treated water from the MWRA Treatment Plant.

The Water Division responds to all water system emergencies including system leaks, loss of service, poor water quality and low water pressure. The rank and file members serve the community during snow and ice emergencies.

Below is a brief statistical report of the Water Division:

WATER STATISTICS	2004	2005
Miles, water mains, Beginning	105.17	105.37
Miles, added & eliminated (net)	0.20	0.08
Miles of mains, Ending	105.37	105.45
House services, Beginning	3,567	3574
House services, Added	7	11
House services, Ending	3,574	3585
Public hydrants, Beginning	934	937
Public hydrants, Added	4	5
Public hydrants, Abandoned	1	2
Public hydrants, Ending	937	940
Water purchased, MWRA (gals)	577,366,800	620,443,900
Water purchased, (other)	2,562,630	3,449,020
Total gallons purchased	579,929,430	623,892,920
Daily average	1,584,507	1,709,295
Weekly average	11,152,489	11,997,940
Monthly average	48,327,452	51,991,076
Greatest pumped in one day	June 23, 2004	September 12, 2005
	4,059,800	4,316,000
Greatest pumped in one week	June 22 - 28	September 8 - 14
	21,591,200	27,045,100
Greatest pumped in one month	July	August
	85,261,000	98,699,700

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING

The Weston Council on Aging was established in 1974. Located on the first floor of the Weston Community Center, the mission of the Council on Aging, in serving seniors 60 years of age and older is to:

- Foster a caring concern within the community as a whole for our seniors by encouraging community-wide support of and participation in senior affairs;
- Advocate for seniors and their families;
- Serve as an information and referral center, providing assistance with seniors' changing concerns, including coping with financial, social, health-related, educational, housing, and transportation needs;
- Develop and offer programs that meet the interests of Weston seniors, and
- Effect programs in conjunction with the Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and Older Americans Act.

Programs and services offered include comprehensive information and referral services, health and social services, as well as education and fitness programs.

The staff of the Council on Aging includes Eileen Bogle, Director; Candace Steingisser, LICSW; Jean Masland, RN and Theresa Levinson, RN who share the part time Community Nurse Position; and Frances Kelly and Yvonne Posa who share the Administrative Assistant position. The COA is supported by the invaluable contributions of the Council on Aging Board, the Friends of the Council on Aging and nearly two hundred dedicated volunteers.

Information, Referral and Outreach

In Fiscal year 2005, the Council on Aging responded to a total of 3,535 requests for information. Our busy front desk volunteers respond to callers and visitors, providing needed information. Other requests require more detailed assessment and evaluation and are referred to staff. Our Social Worker, Candace Steingisser, LICSW provided referrals, assessment, advocacy, casework and counseling to more than 700 residents. Her knowledge about resources and her skillful counsel are invaluable assets.

We are also committed to working with caregivers of seniors to provide education and support. As the Alzheimer's support specialist, Shirley Earle LICSW facilitates two Caregiver Support Groups each month for spouses and adult children of seniors with Alzheimer's disease.

Staff and volunteers respond to many matters pertaining to the complex issues of finances, legal matters, income tax preparation, and health benefits. Several important resources include our SHINE counselor, Nancy Baer, who volunteers weekly to meet with Weston residents to untangle questions about our increasingly complex health insurance system. The Rotary Fix-It program is yet another invaluable in-home service to the community. Our telephone reassurance and friendly visitor programs provide a link from the Council on Aging to seniors who may appreciate a regular phone call or visit from one of our volunteers.

Health, Nutrition and Wellness

Our Community Health nurses provide an important role. They, along with nurse and office volunteers, run the weekly Keep Well Clinic where consultation and blood pressure screening are available. In 2005, 710 seniors were served by this clinic. The nurses work closely with our social workers to assist in assessment or care management decisions. The collaborative work we do

among our own staff, other town departments, outside providers and support from the Recreation Center staff is critical to providing effective service to seniors. Community education to inform residents of the File of Life is just one example of our collaboration with the Police and Fire Departments. In Fiscal Year 2005, 258 residents accessed the podiatry services available through the COA.

Coordinating the Health Education Speakers Program is another very integral aspect of the nurse's role. Lectures are planned to reflect changing trends, new developments and resources in health and wellness and offer an opportunity to learn.

A nurse oversees the Medical Equipment Loan Closet which is a terrific community resource of donated medical equipment such as wheelchairs and walkers and other adaptive equipment. All Weston residents are welcome to borrow equipment from the Loan Closet. This popular service assisted 67 families last year.

In Fiscal year 2005, there were several changes in Nutrition program services. The most exciting change occurred in February 2005 in response to interest at the Brook School Apartments. Springwell opened a community lunch program on Mondays. Operating initially as a trial, Monday lunches have proven to be very popular. Limited participation at the Thursday and Friday lunches at the Senior Center resulted in the decision by Springwell to discontinue these lunches. In Fiscal Year 2006, the COA will collaborate with the Weston Public School's Lunch Program to offer lunch on Fridays. We will continue our Friday lunch guest speakers which has included the Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, and the Police and Fire Chiefs.

Our wonderful cadre of dedicated volunteer drivers delivers hot meals five days a week as a support to anyone in need of in-home assistance. We are very appreciative of the donors, such as the Weston Scouts, who provide thoughtful donations to accompany our home delivered meals.

The Senior Center offers a registered dietician twice a month to assist anyone with concerns about a healthy diet. In Fiscal Year 2006, our dietician will be available to individuals who may experience difficulty preparing their own meals at home. To support the interests of healthy diets, Land's Sake Farm donates fresh vegetables during the harvest season. This popular weekly event is highly anticipated.

For individuals in need, our food pantry is available during COA hours with basic necessities. We are very grateful to the many donors who keep the pantry supplied throughout the year.

Education

Education is an integral aspect of the Senior Center. In 2005, we offered a wide range of lectures on legal, health related topics ranging from Social Security, vision, hearing and long term care planning. The Project Linus Knitting group meets at the COA during the year; sharing patterns, yarns and ideas toward the goal of providing handmade blankets and quilts to hospitalized children.

Susan Brennan, Director of the Weston Public Library, initiated a monthly book group discussion at the COA. This is a new and popular addition to the Great Decisions discussion group and instructional classes of Short Stories, Sing, Watercolor and Art. In Fiscal year 2006, we look forward to introducing several new programs: eating a healthy diet; presentations on the Medicare Prescription program (Part D), and the introduction of computer and digital photography classes.

Fitness

The Council on Aging offers many varied programs focusing on fitness and health. Strength training, balance, flexibility and wellness are emphasized in classes of yoga, tai chi, line dancing, Fit for the Future and Better Balance. In addition to the weekly Weston Walkers group led by

Elmer Jones, walking events sponsored by the state offices of Elder Affairs and Public Health attracted a group of spirited walkers. Another goal in 2006 is the launch of a walking group that walks several times each week.

Transportation

Transportation continues to be provided in a number of ways. Weston is very fortunate to have a strong FISH (Friends in Service Helping) Chapter. Organized in 1972, volunteers are recruited to assist seniors with transportation to medical appointments. In 2005, FISH drivers made 460 trips. Our Friendship Bus provides weekly shopping trips to local grocery stores and pharmacies as well as transportation to symphony and theater. COA daytrips are also popular events. Seniors have traveled to local museums, points of historical interest and events in the city. Transportation is also provided with subsidized taxi coupons within Weston and adjoining communities.

Intergenerational Programs

One of the fastest growing programs has been our intergenerational component. The Intergenerational Club of Weston High School bakes each month with Weston Seniors to provide food for the residents of Bristol Lodge. This connection has expanded to include a monthly event at the Brook School Apartments. Weston Community Children's Association programs are much anticipated throughout the year, and without doubt, the Women's Community League holiday baskets are one of the highlights of the holiday season. Led by Board member Laura Efron, new programs in 2005 in the Weston schools included senior citizen involvement in the Reading Program for grade 1, grade 3 oral history project and grade 4 immigration discussions. At the high school, World War II Veterans spoke to an American History class. For 2006, discussion is underway to establish intergenerational connections at the Middle School.

The support and generosity of the Weston community make it possible for the Council on Aging to fulfill its mission. We are grateful for the efforts of the Council on Aging Board and the Friends of the Council on Aging who make so much possible for Weston residents and the Council on Aging.

REPORT OF THE ELDERLY HOUSING COMMITTEE

The Brook School Apartments celebrated a (thankfully) quiet 2005 with the wrap-up of final construction details on the spectacular new 24-unit building at Brook School Apartments, and the disbanding of the Building Committee. The Elderly Housing Committee wishes to thank the following members of the Building Committee for all the time and effort expended on this successful project: Bill Cress, chairman, Steve Charlip, Jack Heine, Harris Levitt, Michael Harrity, David Kane and Connie Davis. The project stands as a testament to their long hours and dedication. The Elderly Housing Committee appreciates all you have done.

Even with the completion and occupancy of the new building, the Brook School Apartments has a two-year wait list for subsidized units. Clearly, the need for affordable housing for the elderly and disabled is greater than ever.

We are pleased that we have been able to provide a market rate apartment to assist a victim of Hurricane Katrina. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the local agency of the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) has agreed to subsidize the unit's rent for the first 12 months; and the Selectmen have graciously agreed to subsidize the rent for another 12 months thereafter.

The creation of the Brook School Apartments as a self-supporting “enterprise fund” was approved by Town Meeting in 2005, to become effective in FY07.

The Elderly Housing Committee also wishes to thank committee member Mel Lurie for his many years of contribution to the Elderly Housing Committee. We will miss Mel’s thoughtful contributions (and his poems at Town Meeting). The Committee welcomes its newest member, Carol Ott, and looks forward to her valuable participation for many years to come.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Health Members – Nicholas Guerina, MD; Peter Taylor, PE; Carl Hirsch, MD

Public Health Director - Appointed by the Board of Health – Wendy Diotalevi, R.S.

Health Agent – Beth Koch, Public Health Nurse – Colleen Tobin, BS, RN, BSN
Administrative Assistant – Sharon Bonica

Agents to Issue Burial Permits - Appointed by Board of Health

Wendy Diotalevi, R.S. Sharon Bonica Nick Guerina, M.D.
Beth Koch, Health Agent M. Elizabeth Nolan Peter Taylor
Lisbeth C. Zeytoonjian

Animal Inspector - Appointed by Board of Health David Poirier

Introduction

The Board of Health is responsible for the promotion and protection of public health. This is done through education and enforcement of environmental, public, medical and mental health laws and regulations.

The Board of Health provides enforcement of the State Sanitary Code under the Department of Public Health and the State Environmental Code under the Department of Environmental Protection. The State Sanitary Code includes permitting and regulating housing, food sales and service, pools, camps, lead, asbestos abatement, and surveillance and reporting of communicable disease.

The State Environmental Code includes permitting and regulating wells, septic systems, and ground water protection. The Board is committed to providing the highest protection of the public health possible with available resources.

Under the Department of Homeland Security all Local Boards of Health have been called upon to prepare their communities for all natural and manmade disasters.

Public Health

Emergency Preparedness is a relatively new consideration, primarily mandated by the Department of Homeland Security, the Center for Disease Control, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. National standards for Public Health Emergency Preparedness have been established. Aggressive training programs have been designed and implemented and benchmarks set by these organizations. The Board of Health has invested many man hours over the past three years in training to properly prepare and implement an emergency plan for the community.

This year an Emergency Dispensing Plan has been prepared. This plan identifies Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDS) and procedures to provide for the delivery of medication within 48 hours of an incident to all residents of Weston. Implementation of this plan will require that the BoH develop and train an Emergency Response Corp (ERC). The ERC will be a volunteer organization

of Weston resident medical personnel and citizens and will staff the EDC in the event of an emergency.

The BOH provides vaccines to physicians through the state funded vaccine program by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to insure vaccine availability for the members of our community. This year the BOH provided over 16,000 doses of vaccine valued at more than \$270,000.

Three flu clinics were held in the fall and winter of the 2005 flu season and over 400 doses of flu vaccine were administered to senior citizens and at risk populations of Weston. The BOH sincerely thanks the medical professionals and Weston citizens who graciously donated their time and talents to this very successful effort:

Nick Guerina, M.D.	Will Cochran, M.D.	Linda Perrin, R.N.
Peter Perrin	Janet Weinstein, R.N.	Elizabeth Kelly, R.N
Patricia Wright, R.N.	Rosemary Martirosian, R.N.	Robin Jones, M.D.
Kathy Langenberg, R.N		

In 2005 Weston participated in the Massachusetts Department of Public Health West Nile Virus surveillance program (MADHA). A total of 4 bird deaths were reported, 2 birds were found in a condition that allowed for testing by the MADPH and both tested negative for West Nile Virus. There were no human infections identified in Weston.

The BOH is responsible for ensuring that the health and welfare of farm animals owned by the citizens of Weston meets the standards of care required by law. David Poirier, Animal Inspector, has provided the following as an inventory of the farm animals.

28 Horses	8 Ponies	28 Pigs	15 Sheep
4 Llamas	28 Cattle	97 Chickens	

The Animal inspector also quarantined four dogs during the year for animal bites.

Mental Health

The BOH provides mental health services to Weston's citizens through contracts with Human Relations Service in Wellesley, the Multi-Service Center in Newton and the Charles River Workshop in Needham.

Environmental Health

All residential properties in Weston are served by individual septic systems. Title 5 of the State Environmental Code is a set of regulations established by the State Department of Environmental Protection that sets standards for the design and construction of septic systems. The BOH is responsible for the enforcement of this Code and invests approximately 80% of its staff time in the area of environmental health enforcing Title 5 of the State Environmental Code.

Enforcement of Title 5 consists of the witnessing of percolation and deep test holes, review of septic system plans, and inspection of the installation of new septic systems and wells. Title 5 Inspections of existing septic systems and renovation projects require research of existing files to establish abutting lot and site conditions. Renovation projects are all reviewed to ensure that the proposed work is in compliance with Title 5 of the State Environmental Code.

There are several large complexes that require sewerage treatment plants. These complexes have ground water discharge permits issued through the Department of Environmental Protection. Reports are forwarded to the BOH and are reviewed to establish that the treatment plants are operating within the parameters of the permit.

Detail of Regular Services Provided by the BOH

Activity	2005	2004	2003
Septic System Permits	106	142	156
Septic System Plan Reviews	221	265	281
Septic System Inspections/ meetings	590	1047	480
Title V Inspection Reports/ Reviews	164	376	334
Soil/ Percolation Tests Witnessed	498	620	584
Septic System Installer's Licenses	56	40	47
Septic System Installer's Exams	10	2	5
Septic System Pumper/ Hauler Permits	22	12	14
Renovation/ Addition Permits	192	177	223
Renovation/ Addition Permit Review/ Meetings	300	259	276
Environmental Investigations	36	19	96
Well Permits/ Review/ Inspection	39	4	16
Communicable Disease Investigations	79	51	23
Emergency Preparedness Meetings	76	27	28
Community Health and Wellness Meetings/ Trainings	57	26	58
Food Service Permits	48	48	42
Food Service Inspections	92	97	53
Camp Permits	9	8	8
Camp Inspections	25	15	18
Commercial/ Residential Pool, Hot Tub, Beach Permits	26	19	14
Commercial/ Residential Pool, Hot Tub, Beach Inspections	31	19	24
Body Work Permits	5	5	7
Housing Complaint Investigations/ Court	4	51	24
Administration Meetings	43	18	28
Training Meetings	48	42	18
Burial Permits	115	105	112
Port-a-John Permits	69	45	25
Phone Calls	6000+	6800	6154
Research	3057	3062	897
Dumpster Permit	13	*	*
Total Revenue for Calendar Year	\$161,136	\$162,350	\$142,455

* Totals unavailable

REPORT OF THE EAST MIDDLESEX MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project (the Project) conducts a program in Weston consisting of mosquito surveillance, larval and adult mosquito control, ditch maintenance and public education.

The risk of mosquito borne disease was the primary concern as 4 residents in eastern Massachusetts contracted EEE including 2 cases that were fatal and 6 eastern Massachusetts residents contracted West Nile Virus (WNV). Locally WNV was detected in mosquitoes in Weston while 2 Newton residents contracted WNV. In Concord a horse died from EEE. Mosquito populations were average for most of the season except for a peak in mid summer due to abnormally high numbers of *Cq. perturbans*, a species that emerges from permanent water marshes.

The adult mosquito surveillance program used traps to collect mosquitoes from as many as 4 Weston locations per night. Between June and September, information was used from 13 mosquito trap collections from 4 different nights. Selected trap collections were tested for West Nile Virus and EEE by the Mass. Dept. of Public Health.

The larval mosquito control program relies on the larvicides *Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis* (Bti) and *Bacillus sphaericus* that are classified by the EPA as relatively non-toxic. An April helicopter application of Bti controlled mosquito larvae at 260 wetland acres. Field crews using portable sprayers applied Bti in the spring and the summer to 17 wetland acres when high densities of mosquito larvae were found breeding in stagnant water. During the summer, Project personnel applied packets of *Bacillus sphaericus* to control *Culex* mosquito larvae at 1,403 roadside catchbasins.

The Project maintains waterways as a preventative mosquito control service that reduces the buildup of stagnant water in wetlands caused by obstructions in waterways. An excavator was used to maintain 3,234 linear feet of waterway near Linwood Ave., Colpitts Rd. and Center St.

To control adult mosquitoes, a formulation of resmethrin was applied to 1,268 acres at night by truck mounted aerosol sprayers when survey traps indicated high populations of mosquitoes. Advance notification of the spray program was done through notices in the Town Crier, on the Project's web site and via a recorded telephone message at 781- 893-5759.

The Project's public education program is designed to develop awareness within the public and the private sectors as to their roles in mosquito control. The Project serves as a resource to residents, municipal officials and the local media on controlling mosquitoes, breeding sites and mosquito borne diseases. A web page www.town.sudbury.ma.us/services/health/emmc provides residents with information on mosquitoes, control programs and related topics.

REPORT OF THE HOUSING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Four proposals for CH 40B LIP condominium developments were examined by the Committee during the past year:

- * 680 South Avenue: recommended to the Selectmen; approved and proceeded to construction. Four new affordable units were added.
- * 809-811 Boston Post Road: recommended to Selectmen with significant financial support from Community Preservation funds; approved and proceeded to construction; two new affordable units were added.
- * 823 Boston Post Road: recommended to Selectmen but not approved because of opposition by Historical Commission and Planning Board; in process of re-submission by developer to Zoning Board of Appeals as direct Ch 40B project.
- * 22 Summer St. decision delayed by HNC because of questions regarding developer's control of property. Issue was pending in court at year's end.

Support provided in Legislature for interim financial support of new construction at Brook School apartments was successful; 13 new affordable units were added.

HNC was also instrumental in persuading Lee Barbieri, the developer of a retirement community on Highland Avenue, to set aside 10 % of the residences for sale as affordable units.

Two members resigned: Richard Batchelder and Jim Brenner. Sarah Rhatigan and Tom Timko were appointed to replace them by the Selectmen.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COUNSELOR

The position of Youth Counselor is under the aegis of the Board of Selectmen. Consultation and training opportunities are available at the Human Relations Service of Wellesley. The Youth Counselor provides counseling to young people, ages 11-21, who attend the Weston Public Schools or who reside in the Town. The Youth Counselor also consults with other personnel serving the Town's youth and their families. The Youth Counseling Office is located at the Weston High School.

David A. Cope, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, has a Masters Degree from Simmons School of Social Work and a postgraduate certificate from Boston University for advanced clinical work with substance abuse issues. Mr. Cope is also a professional mediator. He has served as the Youth Counselor since September of 1990. In 2005 he had 91 student clients for individual counseling and consulted to a number of parents to help them develop effective approaches to adolescent issues. Some of the issues Mr. Cope worked with are depression and suicidal ideation, self-harm, attention and organizational difficulties, substance abuse, eating issues, divorce and loss, family and peer conflicts.

Mr. Cope worked closely with school personnel to develop student intervention plans. He ran an ongoing discussion group for students who are new to the Weston School system to help them acclimate. Mr. Cope provided the High School's Peer Mediation services, which helps students resolve interpersonal conflicts.

CULTURE AND LEISURE

REPORT OF THE WESTON CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Weston Cultural Council is charged with distributing money allotted to the Town by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), a state agency supporting the Arts, Humanities and Sciences. Weston's allocation for 2005 was \$2000, but was increased to \$2500 for 2006.

Grants are made to individuals or groups to support worthy projects that enhance the cultural side of our lives and enhance our appreciation of our cultural environment. Grants are also available to educational institutions (the PASS grant program) for such activities as field trips to concerts, museums, etc.

Applications for LCC (Local Cultural Council) grants were due at the Town Hall on Oct. 17, 2005. A public meeting of the Weston Cultural Council was held on Oct. 24, 2005 at which time the submissions were discussed and the grants were awarded. The Council received 20 applications requesting a total of \$8,450. Seven grants were fully funded for a total of \$2,495.

All of the grants are subject to approval by the MCC. Funds are then released to the Town and artists are paid following the completion of their project or performance. Grant recipients are required to publicize their events, which are generally open to the public, and interested residents are urged to take advantage of these cultural opportunities.

The following is a list of the grants approved at the local level in the fall of 2005 which will be funded in 2006:

- * **Golden Tones-- "Singing Through Our Lives" Music Program:** three performances for seniors and their families in Weston:
 - Epoch Senior Health Center on 11/10/05
 - Weston Senior Club at the Weston Community Center 2/11/06
 - Sunrise Assisted Living of Weston 2/17/06
- * **Rivers Music School – Seminar on Contemporary Music for the Young**
- * Partial funding for commissioning composer Lowell Liebermann;
- * Series of concerts March 31-April 2, 2006 at the Rivers Music School
- * **DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park – Art in the Park** (June 11, 2006 10 AM--5 PM) –partial funding for art supplies and performers' fees; target audience is residents interested in contemporary art and artists.
- * **Boston City Band** will perform a 2 hour concert on the Town Green this summer, sponsored by the Recreation Department.
- * **Three Apples Storytelling Festival** (Sept. 30 –Oct. 1, 2006 in Bedford) Festival preview will take place at the Weston Public Library in Sept., 2006, featuring 2 storytellers for the community's enjoyment.
- * **Henry Lappen – Juggling performance and workshop**, for children and families
- * **Jim Douglas** –will update the New England School Performing Artist Directory (NESPAD) (<http://www.nichols.edu/nepad/nepad.htm>)

The Weston Cultural Council is currently composed of five residents (5-10 allowed) who have been appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Tenure is limited by statute to two three-year terms. Interested residents are invited to contact the Selectmen. This council would welcome additional members. For further information, please contact Lynn Taff (Chair), Lynne Weber, Beth Schlager, Meredith Eppel or Alison Braunstein.

REPORT OF THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

The mission of the Weston Public Library is to provide materials, resources and programs for lifelong learning and enjoyment. The Library serves the entire community by making available collections on a broad array of subjects of interest to its patrons. It is a forum for the community, providing a welcoming and well-maintained facility for meetings, informal gatherings, lectures and other cultural events.

This past year was a very busy one for the library. Thanks to the support of Weston residents, we have begun planning to repair our roof, which should commence in the spring of 2006. This will allow us to preserve our valuable collection of materials, and to maintain our beautiful building. The first town wide reading program, Weston Reads... Poetry culminated in March with a town wide poetry contest, and visit by former poet laureate of the United States, Robert Pinsky. Weston Reads... Poetry was a collaboration between town departments and the school system. We hope it is the first of many annual reading programs. We have seen a hefty increase in circulation over last year, maintaining our circulation standing as the highest for a town with the population size of Weston's. Also, we have begun compiling our three to five years Long Range Plan. A committee of residents, trustees and staff are looking toward the services we would like to add in the library.

Adult Services

In 2005, library circulation of all materials rose by 16,339 items, an increase of 5.3% over last year. The two top circulation categories were new DVD feature films, and books on CD, both of which increased by approximately 50 percent. Other items that showed significant increase in demand were Large Print Books, Music CDs, Speed Read and new fiction and non-fiction books. In order to entice patrons with our newer offerings, we have placed a cart just in front of the circulation desk with recently returned items. This has proven to be a very popular service, as the cart is regularly emptied.

We spent a lot of time reorganizing the stacks this year. High demand for library DVDs and books on CD dictated moving lesser used videotapes and books on tape to the first two rows of our nonfiction book stacks. Moving videos to the back stacks gave elbow room for our DVDs. Two display racks hold new DVDs, while older DVDs, documentaries and foreign films are arranged in the alcove off the rotunda. Relocating the booktapes to the stacks allows the books on CD room for growth in the nook opposite the music CDs. We also rearranged the music CDs.

Programs offered in the library continue to be very popular. The Weston Military History Group sponsor lectures once per month to sold out crowds. Their lectures are available on DVD for those patrons who may be unable to attend. The Library Book Discussion Group meets once per month and has been in operation for over 25 years. The very active Music Committee offered monthly concerts, and the Music Fest, a day long celebration of music in March. The Friends of Weston Library hosted an array of lectures and programs, including a visit from Chris Stirling, Executive Producer of the television show *Chronicle*, and author Barbara Haber (*From Hardback to Homefires*). The library is deeply indebted to the scores of volunteers who work so hard for our benefit. The library is truly enhanced for everyone by their support.

Library volunteers are an important part of our service to the public, and this year we were aided by contributions from Ed McKearney, Joanne Hamm, Gene Travers, Margaret Young and Mary Parker.

We encourage our patrons to check out the newly redesigned web site at www.westonlibrary.org. The new site allows for an updated calendar of events at the library, easier navigation, new item lists, contact information and much more. You can also manage your account by clicking on the front page. Be sure to sign up for a 4 digit pin number which you can initiate online or at the circulation desk in the library. Your email address is never shared with any other organization nor is it used for any promotional purposes.

We've had numerous staff changes this year. Helen Olivo, administrative assistant, retired at the end of the year after 18 years of town service. Marianne Doernis-Goldman, a part time circulation assistant for almost 10 years, has taken over Helen's position. New faces at the circulation desk include Leslie Kennedy, Joanne Hamm and Katerina Garozzo. Gail Bosworth, formerly in Technical Service, is our new Reference Librarian, and Renee Hake has taken her place in Technical Services. Tatanya Flannery has taken the position held by Julie Bauer, as Department Head in Reference. Julie was transferred with her family to Virginia.

Reference

The library user with information needs found ready help at the Reference Desk. On a typical day the librarian on duty responded to 35 reference questions in person, by phone or via email. The librarian also attended to requests for advice on recreational reading, provided interlibrary loan service and identified community resources and agencies beyond the library.

An important new feature in the Reference Department is the installation of the Job Center. Strategically located near the busy Computer Lab, this collection was created by assembling relevant materials already in the library's holdings and adding dozens of new titles. Residents of all ages preparing for post-secondary education or mapping a career course will find many excellent resources here.

We recorded 11,897 sign ups for our public computers, and Reference librarians answered over 12,000 questions.

Youth Services

With the addition of Beth Katsoris as a full-time children's librarian, we were able to offer more programs this year, including a Lapsit for toddlers featuring singing, finger plays and rhymes. With more staff, we now have the opportunity to offer more programs than we have for years. In addition to the lapsits, we currently offer two sessions of Two-Year-Old Storytime, two sessions of Family Storytime and a Drop-in Storytime for three- to five-year-olds, three After School Book Clubs for grades one through five, a Pop-up Book Workshop for grades three to five, and the Summer Reading Program, which includes programs by outside performers such as Animal Adventures, Inc., Mr. DJ and Shiney the Star, and singers Julie & Brownie.

This year's Summer Reading Program, "Going Places," was quite successful with 312 participants. Children in the elementary program read more books on average in 2005 than they had any other year, and across the board, more children achieved higher prize levels than in previous years. The Young Adult Program was particularly successful, with the highest number ever of sixth through tenth graders participating. The Friend's supported Craft Room was a welcome break from the heat, and our air-conditioned atmosphere was appreciated by many visitors.

With the assistance of The Friends of the Library, we added more DVDs and Books on CD to the library collection, and our statistics for that part of the collection has increased significantly. The

Friends also contributed to the Children's music collection. With this funding, we created a core Children's classical section with the purchase of 20 titles. With the additions of materials in the Young Adult section (see below). The Friends have been very supportive to Youth Services.

Another new feature in 2005 is our collection of comics and graphic novels for younger children. There have been many requests over the past year for "comic books" for children not yet ready for our teen section. We have created a new section in the inset shelves between the Storytime and Craft rooms for those young readers, with a selection ranging from Tintin to various superheroes to Baby Mouse.

Our school visits continue to be a great cooperative experience, with the fifth grade teachers bringing their classes to the library for their World of Work project. Assisting the children to research their chosen professions—especially some of the esoteric professions—is always interesting and exciting. As always, we look forward to this project. Volunteers in Youth Services this year included Jonathan Dec, Derek Park, Molly Hermann, Iris Hermann and Dominique Viglas. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

Young Adult Collection

This fall, the Friends donated over \$1,000 to be spent on media selections for the Young Adult Collection (DVDs and CDs). As a result, a core Young Adult DVD collection was created that now includes over 50 films. Over 20 new CD titles were also purchased for the Young Adult music collection with these funds. Due to the increase in materials available to Young Adults, this section of the library has become busier over the last few months.

In addition to increasing the Young Adult music and DVD collections, we have also been making an effort to purchase more Young Adult books on CD. We have ordered several new titles over the last six months, thereby bringing our collection more up-to-date and extensive.

Finally, the Friends contributed money to start an Anime Young Adult DVD collection. We have purchased 30 titles for this collection and we are hoping to add to it throughout the year.

Technical Services

The Technical Services Department had a record breaking year in which over 9,300 items were added to our database. The swift processing of complex materials such as Books on CD are a credit to Frank Baxter, and his assistants in Technical Services. Look for new media to come to the library in the form of downloadable audio books.

Arts and Exhibitions Committee

The Arts and Exhibitions Committee had fun this year reviewing work and bringing many different types of art to the community. Two local groups celebrated important anniversaries by displaying their artifacts, photographs and histories in the gallery. WEEFC celebrated 20 years and Land's Sake their 25th. During the other months, printmaking, painting, photography, watercolors and ink drawings were on display. The year ended with an exhibition of paintings by Weston resident John Thompson. Two outside sculptures were removed and a new one, Blue Herons, by Joe Hallowell was installed. The Blue Herons will be in place until the fall of 2007.

Friends of Weston Library

The mission statement of the Friends of the Weston Public Library is "...to support a strong and active public library for the town of Weston and to provide, where needed, resources not otherwise funded."

The Friends, organized in 1965, is an organization funded by Weston residents through their membership dues, their financial contributions and their participation in our Annual Book Sale. We count on the community to donate books for the sale and to purchase books at the sale. The Friends board members and their committees work with the library's director and the staff to

serve the library needs of our town. We sponsor literary and human-interest programs, as well as a yearly concert series organized by the Music Committee. Several trips each year introduce participants to museums, and to cultural and historical sites. Our service to the homebound delivers books and audio-visual materials to town residents who are unable to travel to the library. This year we provided support for the Weston Military History Group, the Children's Summer Reading Program, summer crafts, the yearly Ice Cream Social, museum passes, and the restoration and cataloging of Weston's Historical Archives. We also provided an \$8,000 grant for the purchase of several hundred DVD titles. On behalf of the community we treat the library's staff to an annual luncheon to thank them for their tireless service to the town. This year the Friends initiated stipends for staff members to attend professional conferences. The Friends is an organization of the community for the community. We invite all Weston residents to become members.

REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

As in years past, 2005 was a very busy year for the Recreation Department as we continued to administer a wide variety of programs for citizens of all ages within the town. The Community Center continued to be a special gathering place for town residents – whether it was hosting the Rotary Club's inaugural Texas Hold 'Em tournament or our annual Holiday Luncheon for the town's senior citizens, there was a constant flow of happy faces parading about the Great Hall and throughout the classrooms around it. With exercise and educational classes running throughout the weekdays and nights, and often being utilized as a parents' dream setting for a child's birthday party on weekends, the Center remains in constant use and is an invaluable asset to the town.

The recreation staff consists of seven full-time employees ably assisted by an ever-evolving staff of part-time help. Whether planning classes, mowing fields, manning guard stations at the town pool or counseling campers at Camp ABC, Camp Adventure, and Outer Limits, the eclectic blend of individuals whom the department employs are as friendly as they are qualified.

The recreation budget for this past fiscal year (FY 05) was \$1,186,155, with off setting revenues of \$943,566; thus the Town General Fund contributed \$365,167 to the Recreation Department budget. The recreation department has used an enterprise accounting system since FY 04 and works closely with the finance committee and the Town Manager to try offer a budget that is 70 %covered by revenues with the Town contributing 30%.

Once again, the Recreation Department spent the year offering an exceptional variety of programs for people of all ages in the town, many of which were offered in our new Center. In 2005, participants enrolled in over 500 programs which we offered during the course of the year. Among the new programs offered this year were Youth cooking classes and Elementary School Drop-in Nights while our traditional offerings of Karate, Chess and Arts & Crafts classes continued to be exceptionally well-attended. Our summer camps were also well attended, with some 1,275 campers taking advantage our diverse and comprehensive offerings during the nine weeks that our camp programs were in operation.

The town pool was once again a gathering spot for residents who took advantage of the exceptional facility and programs we provide there. Our overall attendance figures were in line with years past. The arrival of warmer weather inspired citizens of all ages to take advantage of this remarkable facility, with dedicated seniors doing laps in the early morning and late evening book-ending the campers and family members who populated the pool during the hours in between. By summer's end, 17,360 patrons had visited us during the pool season and had made

our family nights and theme nights events to remember. During the summer, Wednesday night concerts on the Town Green were also a big hit even though Mother Nature wreaked havoc on our musical efforts on a couple of occasions. When she did cooperate, families were able to bring picnic dinners and socialize to the sounds of a variety of musical groups during July and August.

During the winter months, open gym, access to the indoor swimming pool, the ever-burgeoning Red Wave Swimming Program for the town's youth as well as adult basketball programs (the Thursday Night Men's Over 40 League had more participants than ever) continue to complement the arts and crafts, musical and exercise offerings that the department provides.

As usual, the diversity of programs the town is able to offer and smoothly run can be directly attributed to Doug McDougall and his dedicated staff. They continue to deliver top-quality programs at affordable prices - we are indeed fortunate to have such devoted, tireless workers comprising the recreation staff. Please remember to thank them for their efforts the next time that you see them. Finally, we hope that you understand that the year ahead will bring with it budgetary constraints that will challenge the department's ability to provide the same number of programs and high-quality service that it has in the past.



Elementary School Field Trip

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT



*Middle School Students Measure Hole Depth for
Arbor Day Tree Planting*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Oversight and Administration

The Weston School Committee sets the budget, establishes educational policy, and hires the superintendent for the Weston Public Schools. The committee is composed of five residents who are elected by the town to staggered three-year terms. The School Committee usually meets at least twice a month to conduct its regular business, with dates and times posted at the Town Hall, the Weston Public Library and Weston High School. These meetings are open to the public. Dr. Alan Oliff, Superintendent of the Weston Public Schools since 1998, is responsible for supervising and managing the daily operations of the schools.

Schools and Enrollment

The Weston schools are situated on two campuses. Weston Middle School, serving students in grades 6-8, and Weston High School, serving students in grades 9-12, are on one campus on the south side of Weston. The elementary schools are clustered near Weston center with the School Administration building, the Recreation Center and the Public Library. The Country and Woodland Schools serve students from kindergarten through third grade and the Field School serves students in fourth and fifth grade. Since 1999, Weston has also operated an integrated pre-school, called Weston Windows, to fulfill its mandate to educate children with special needs from the age of three. Weston Windows is located in the Country School.

Enrollment for the 2005-2006 school year, as of October 1, 2005, was 2,301 students. This represents an overall decrease of 18 students, or a -.8% change from the previous school year:

	Change in enrollment	% change
Elementary Grades K-5	- 7 Students	-.7%
Middle School Grades 6-8	- 17 Students	-3.2%
High School Grades 9-12	+ 6 Students	+.9%

Overall, enrollment is projected to decline over the next several years but the cohorts with peak enrollment levels will continue to affect staffing and the budget particularly at the High School level.

Academic Achievement and College Placement

The School Committee believes that many factors contribute to academic achievement. Some of these factors are class size; teaching quality; the variety and types of academic, artistic, civic, athletic and social experiences offered to students; performance on standardized tests; and college placements. Committee members consider and are guided by all of these considerations in making budget and policy decisions affecting the schools.

In the spring of 2005 students in grades three through ten participated in MCAS testing in several disciplines, including English Language Arts (3, 4, 7, & 10), Mathematics (4, 6, 8, & 10), and Science/Technology (5 & 8). With the exception of grade three, student results are ranked into four performance levels: Advanced, Proficient, Needs Improvement, and Warning/Failing. Overall the MCAS results were consistent with previous exemplary performances. All Weston High School students passed the tenth grade examinations, a state requirement for graduation, with over 94% in Mathematics and 95% in English Language Arts scoring in the Proficient and Advanced categories. The federal government, through the No Child Left Behind legislation, has set the year 2014 for implementation of the requirement that all students score annually in the Advanced and Proficient ranges on statewide standardized tests in Mathematics and English

Language Arts. Weston's tenth grade scores came within five or six percentage points of meeting that requirement in 2006, but, in looking to the future, students who struggle with Mathematics and English Language Arts are receiving additional support beginning in first grade to help them meet that goal.

Over the last nineteen years, the Weston Public Schools has utilized the testing program of the Educational Records Bureau (ERB) to assess our ability to maintain high standards for our students. These standardized tests evaluate ability, skill, and knowledge in Language Arts and Mathematics and provide scores and rankings for participating urban and suburban public and private schools across the United States. The results of the 2005 ERB examinations, which are given in grades three through seven, indicate a strong performance by students throughout our district. In all categories of the Reading Comprehension and Mathematics in grades three through seven, Weston students scored higher or equal to the suburban and independent norm groups. On the Mathematics test, Weston students ranged from five to eighteen percentage points higher than their suburban and independent school counterpoints across all five grades. Further information on our district's performance is available on the Curriculum and Instruction website.

The Class of 2005 comprised 162 students. The average scores for this class on the SAT I (scale of 200 to 800) were 622 on the Verbal test (compared to a national average score of 508) and 630 on the Mathematics test (compared to a national average score of 520). Ninety-eight percent of the class took the examination and 12% of the class qualified as either National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists or Commended Students.

The SAT II achievement exams test knowledge and skill in specific subjects. The more competitive colleges and universities typically require their applicants to take the Writing and English Composition and Math SAT II tests. Performance by the Class of 2005 on these tests was very good. The average score on the Writing/English Test was 663, compared to the national average of 605, with 70% of the class taking the test. The average score on the Math L1C was 609, compared to national average of 586, with 41% of the class participating; and on the Math L2C was (a more advanced level of the test) was 721 versus 670 nationally, with 25% of the class taking the test.

Participation and test results in Advanced Placement courses is another widely accepted measure of academic performance, and here, too, Weston High School students did very well. Our participation rates are high. In 2005, 52% of juniors and 63% of seniors took at least one Advanced Placement course. Those students took a combined total of 335 AP tests. Eighty-seven percent of exams earned scores that would qualify for college or university credit.

While we are understandably proud of the achievements of the district and our students, as teachers and administrators, we know that effectively educating students for the 21st century cannot be measured by test results alone; it means producing curious life long learners eager to take on the challenges of our world. Fifty-one percent of the Class of 2005 will be attending the top 11% of the colleges and universities evaluated in terms of competition to gain admission as listed in Barron's Profile of American Colleges. Furthermore, 75% of the middle fifth of the class will also be attending these schools.

Facilities

The school community is very grateful to the Town for supporting the upgrade of our school buildings. The High School, Middle School, Country School and Woodland School have undergone significant renovations and expansion resulting in modern, bright educational facilities.

In May, 2005 the Town approved a warrant article for a feasibility study of the Field School, which houses grades 4 and 5. The study will establish a comprehensive plan for building improvements, including capital needs, space reconfiguration and programmatic upgrades.

Curriculum and Other Initiatives

As part of the Learning Standards Initiative the School Committee approved a plan presented by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Cheryl Maloney, in the fall that established a ten-year schedule for reviewing the curriculum in all disciplines and special programs. The plan includes two types of reviews: 1) program reviews that will be conducted by outside teams of professionals given a charge by the School Committee and 2) internal progress reports designed to focus on new initiatives and overall programs. In January 2006 a team of six professionals from outside the district will conduct a review of the Technology Integration program. The team will consist of two university professors, two public school technology faculty members, a private school technology director, and a Weston High School graduate attending college, who operates a technology consultant business. They will visit classes in all five schools, interview parents, students, principals, faculty and paraprofessionals and reviewed documents. The Chair, Dr. Isa Zimmerman, will present the committee's findings to the School Committee in the spring of 2006.

Under Dr. Maloney's leadership the district launched an innovative instructional initiative in response to specific needs of our elementary students. The Early Mathematics Intervention Program in grade one is aimed at helping all students access grade level mathematics. Students are screened for areas of weaknesses and then supported in the necessary skill and conceptual development so that they can keep pace with their classmates in the grade level mathematics. Also in the area of mathematics, over thirty elementary teachers and administrators completed the "Math Fundamentals on the Way to Algebraic Thinking in Elementary School" course offered through the Harvard Graduate School of Education. The participants completed work on line, collaborated in teams to complete assignments, and utilized new knowledge and practices in their teaching of mathematics. The Elementary Math Curriculum Specialist, Debra Shein-Gerson, and the Chair of the Mathematics Department, Dennis McCowan, will present a progress report on the K-12 mathematics curriculum and current initiatives in March of 2006.

Several new courses were added to the Middle and High School Program of Study for the fall of 2006, which support our district wide global education initiative. Mandarin will be a Foreign Language option in the seventh grade. With each successive year, an additional level will be added so that in five years, the course will extend into the eleventh grade. In addition, two new history courses have been added at the High School, Contemporary Asia and Africa and Contemporary Middle East and Latin America.

The focus of the district wide professional development this year is our ongoing work on pre-assessment strategies, differentiated instruction, and collaboration on curriculum standards and benchmarks. In addition, over 50 teachers and administrators will be participating in an anti-bias, anti-racist teaching course sponsored by the district. Other important areas of professional development include the Weston Professional Development Academy, which this year sponsored over thirty courses for teachers and staff. These courses, taught by Weston faculty and staff, meet in the late afternoon and range in subject matter from "Writing in Mathematics" to "Introduction to Blogging" and "Hatha Yoga." Teachers also have participated in the Teachers As Scholars program, EDCO professional development programs, Primary Source workshops, ASCD conferences, and numerous other out-of-district conferences. Professional development continues to be one of the district's particular strengths both as a means of ensuring excellence in teaching, and also as an efficient use of our personnel resources.

Special Education

Weston Public Schools remain committed to the inclusion of children with special needs in the general education classroom. We support an inclusion model with the necessary resources to provide a successful experience for all students. The result is cost effective programs for students in special education that are consistent with the high quality educational programs provided to all students in the district.

The pre-school special education population continues to increase and the severity of their needs has also grown. In response to this increase, the Weston Public Schools established an integrated pre-school for both typically developing and special needs children in 1999-2000. Now in its seventh year, the program is well regarded by parents of both regular and special education children and its quality has been noted by the Department of Education. This program is one of the single best initiatives for offering a long-term cost-containment strategy with corresponding program effectiveness. The classrooms occupy a wing of the Country School with space that conforms to the age and needs of the pre-school students.

School Budget

The School Committee's 2005-2006 Budget was \$25,821,087, a 5.1% increase over the previous year. This budget increase was driven substantially by five principal needs:

- Increase in Salaries of 3.57%, as determined by collective bargaining agreements.
- Growth in amount and intensity of Special Education services
- Shift in enrollment to the high school level
- Additional cost of meeting state and federal mandates, most notably No Child Left Behind
- Increase in the cost of utilities

Program improvements contributed less than a 1% increase over the FY 2005 budget. These improvements fall into the following major areas: updating course offerings, and implementing key library and technology operational improvements from the Long Range Plan.

In addition, the School Committee again approved a "Student Activity Fee", although at a reduced level from the prior year, to partially offset the budget increase needed to preserve key academic programs. The School Committee continues to believe that a blanket fee should not be levied to fund school activities and is continuing to find ways to reduce or eliminate it in future years.

The School Committee believes that this budget adequately met the educational needs of the Town's children while reflecting the economic climate and fiscal constraints of the Town.

METCO

This year marks the 38th year of the Town of Weston's participation in the METCO Program. METCO was founded in 1966 and is the second oldest voluntary school desegregation program in the nation. It is funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the state's Racial Imbalance Act. The mission of the program is to provide access to quality suburban public school education for students of color from Boston, while enhancing the educational and social experience of suburban students by providing an integrated learning environment.

The Weston/METCO Program currently enrolls 160 students from grades Kindergarten to twelfth grade and is supported by staff and volunteers, including a dedicated METCO administrator, academic counselors, a parent organization, which consists of parents of Boston students, a local Community Coordinating Committee, which includes representative from Weston and Boston, faculty, and administration. These groups assist the program in the areas of strategic planning, fundraising, social events, and the lobbying process.

Weston's METCO students have historically enjoyed success in academics and athletics, as well as in the areas of music and the arts. Many members of the 2005 senior class gained early admission to the colleges of their choice, with 78% attending four-year colleges and 98% continuing their education in post-secondary institutions. Our middle school and elementary schools' "Homework Club," which was instituted last year, has enjoyed success in assisting both Weston and METCO students who have academic or organizational needs. Our Family Friends/Host Family Program has been a highlight of the METCO Program. It offers families from Boston Communities opportunities to share their urban and suburban experiences and the program provides a local center of contacts in case of an emergency. This program has participated in several successful fundraising events, as well as a variety of social events both in the Weston and Boston communities.

Volunteer Organizations

The school system benefits from private financial and volunteer support, all of which enhance the variety or quality of education in Weston. The Weston Education Enrichment Fund Committee (WEEFC) is a subcommittee of the Weston School Committee. It provides financial grants to teachers, administrators, students and parents for projects and equipment that are beyond the scope of the operating budget. In 2005, its nineteenth year, WEEFC raised record funds at its auction fundraiser and through its regular campaign. Contributions of more than \$500,000 were used to fund approximately 130 grants. Given the very challenging budget climate, WEEFC has ensured the special quality of experiences for Weston students through enrichment activities. Since its inception, WEEFC has received contributions of more than \$2.5 million and funded more than 2,000 projects.

The Weston Boosters Organization continued its unfailing support for Weston's athletic and co-curricular programs. The successes of our athletic teams are due in part to the Boosters' contributions to purchase such items as scoreboards, uniforms and equipment to name just a few.

Finally, the schools benefited greatly from the efforts of the Weston Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO serves as a vital link between parents and the schools, facilitating communication and providing volunteers and resources to enhance school programs. Curriculum was enriched by programs brought in by the Creative Arts and Science Council committees, organized and funded by the PTO. A Parent Education effort was introduced this year in conjunction with the town-wide wellness initiative. The PTO organized programs such as Active Parenting, and other forums addressing numerous issues of interest to parents. Weston is fortunate to have large numbers of eager volunteers at every grade level who spent time in classrooms, planned and carried out special events, and served on committees and School Councils.

Notable Events of 2005

Retirements

The following long-term, valued members of the school community retired during 2005. Their contributions have significantly enhanced and supported the education of our students.

Barrineau, Jean, Bus Driver and Cafeteria Worker since 1/21/1986;
Bazile, Gabriel, General Maintenance Custodian Painter since 8/10/1987;
Briskman, Susan, MS Librarian since 9/1/92
Dunipace, Rita, GS Art Teacher since 9/1/1975;
Furey, Janet, MS Computer and English teacher since 1/1/1969;
Haggerty, Barbara, WS ESL Teacher and MS French Teacher since 9/1/1972;
Marks, Judith, WS Guidance Counselor since 9/1/1976;

Moran, James, HS art Teacher since 9/1/1971;

Walsh, Patricia, Special Education Placement Specialist since 9/1/1998;

Warren, Patricia, FS Grade 4 Teacher since 9/1/1977

Community Service Projects

Students in every school participated in community service projects during 2005. At the high school, 235 students who completed at least twenty hours of volunteer work received certificates of recognition for their work.

Recognition and Awards

Many students and staff were recognized in 2005 for excellence for a wide variety of activities and endeavors. Some of them were:

Administration and Faculty

- Mary O'Brien was voted Golf Team Coach of the year by the Boston Globe.
- Janis Townsend, Woodland School Nurse was named Massachusetts School Nurse of the Year.
- Judy Moro, Middle School Teacher, was chosen to attend the Space Academy for teachers at NASA in Huntsville, Alabama.
- Elizabeth Wright, Middle School Teacher, was accepted in the Dynamic Life Program at the Museum of Science.
- John Minigan and the Weston High Theater Company was nominated to represent the United States at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland the Summer of 2006.
- Riola Lazo, Elementary Metco Liaison has been selected to receive a Music Advocacy Award.

Student Awards

Art

- Kim Obusek, Alan Yee, Margareg Davies and Naomi Zeidman received honorable mentions in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards.

Drama & English

- Lindsay Sousa, won the Boston Shakespeare Competition, and was selected to travel to New York and perform in the National Semi-finals at Lincoln Center.
- Theater Company's original play, Escaping Alcestis was the overall winner in the 110-school Massachusetts High School drama Festival. In addition Weston picked up more than fifty awards along the way.
- Robert Slotnick won the Bronze Medal for the New England and the team of Robert Slotnick and Natalie Birren won the Silver for Set Design at the New England Theater Conference Olympiad.
- Alexandra Siegel was one of the winners of the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Acting Scholarship auditions. Hannah Sweet was given an honorable mention.

Music

- The following students were selected for the 2005 Massachusetts All-State Band, Orchestra and Chorus; Joseph Wynant(Band), Dric Stix, Dylan Wood(Orchestra), John Condakes, John Dryden, Daniel Helfer (Chorus) performed at Boston Symphony Hall on March 18th, 2005.
- The High School Dance Team was voted #1 varsity Hip-Hop Dance Team in New England.

Sports

It was another outstanding year for Weston High School athletics:

- Wrestling - Freshman Tyler Wong won the State Division III Wrestling Championship.
- Swimming - The boy's team won their seventh consecutive state championship and set three state records in the process. Senior Eric Nilsson was named as a high school All American in six individual events in addition to being a member of three All American relays, he was also named as Massachusetts High School Swimmer of the Year. Senior Trevor Frankel was also honored as an academic All American in swimming.
- Swimming - The girl's team were the North Sectional champions for the seventh time in the past eight years and were also state runners up for Globe Swimmer of the Year and was named as a high School All American in five events.
- Indoor Track - Senior Trevor Frankel earned a prestigious Boston Globe Scholar Athlete award. Also Indoor Track - Senior Allison Ritter won the New England Indoor Track Championship.

Conclusion

The Weston Public Schools maintains its reputation as an outstanding public school system and continues to provide an excellent education for its students amidst growing fiscal constraints. The commitment of the town to education and the focus of the School Committee on high standards enable our students to excel. The challenges ahead, both short- and long-term, include recruitment and retention of qualified staff, continued uncertainty about federal and state funding and mandates, and negotiations of all union contracts under difficult fiscal conditions. The School Committee, however, is committed to maintaining a high quality of education for all students in the community and will continue to focus its resources to meet those challenges.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS*

	Oct. 1 <u>1998</u>	Oct. 1 <u>1999</u>	Oct. 1 <u>2000</u>	Oct. 1 <u>2001</u>	Oct. 1 <u>2002</u>	Oct. 1 <u>2003</u>	Oct. 1 <u>2004</u>	Oct. 1 <u>2005</u>
Kdg	168	177	172	181	160	166	167	138
Grade 1	176	177	186	181	185	173	172	175
Grade 2	181	177	183	182	184	201	180	187
Grade 3	184	189	183	187	171	188	203	183
Grade 4	190	191	197	185	193	175	184	206
Grade 5	184	196	193	196	188	196	171	181
Grade 6	179	183	198	190	192	179	194	177
Grade 7	185	177	181	193	193	192	179	186
Grade 8	140	185	179	176	197	196	187	180
Grade 9	113	143	174	169	164	185	182	172
Grade 10	116	106	143	167	171	155	182	187
Grade 11	136	120	106	139	161	164	155	174
Grade 12	<u>110</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>155</u>
TOTAL	2,062	2,149	2,215	2,254	2,299	2,330	2,319	2,301

*These enrollments include nonresident as well as resident pupils registered in the schools.

PRIVATE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

	<u>1998- 1999</u>	<u>1999- 2000</u>	<u>2000- 2001</u>	<u>2001- 2002</u>	<u>2002- 2003</u>	<u>2003- 2004</u>	<u>2004- 2005</u>
Residents in Private School	351	364	416	419	440	441	411
% of Residents in Private School	15.8	15.7	17.2	17.0	17.3	16.9	16.4

**Source: annual January 1 census conducted by the Town.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PUPILS PER CLASS - Grades K-8

<u>Standards</u>			<u>Actual</u>				
<u>Grade</u>	<u>Min</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>
K	17	23	20.1	17.8	20.8	20.9	19.7
1	17	23	20.1	20.6	19.2	19.1	19.4
2	18	24	20.2	20.4	22.3	20.0	20.8
3	19	25	20.8	19.0	20.9	20.3	20.3
4	20	26	20.6	21.5	21.9	20.4	20.6
5	20	26	21.8	23.5	21.8	21.4	22.6
6	21	27	21.1	21.3	19.9	21.6	22.1
7	20	26	21.5	21.5	21.3	19.9	20.7
8	21	27	22.0	21.9	21.8	20.8	20.0

DISTRIBUTION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF BY SCHOOL LEVEL - 2005-2006

	<u>High School</u> (Grades 9-12)	<u>Middle School</u> (Grades 6-8)	<u>Elementary Schools</u> (Grades K-5)
Administration	2.00	1.00	3.00
Supervisors	3.10	3.10	.40
Art	4.10	1.60	2.25
Business	1.00	--	--
English, Drama, & Dance	9.80	10.00	--
Foreign Language	8.75	4.00	2.30
Grades K-5	--	--	50.95
Guidance	3.80	3.00	3.00
Home Economics	1.00	--	--
Industrial Arts	--	1.05	--
Math & Computers	11.38	8.5	2.0
Media Services	1.00	1.00	3.00
Music	1.80	1.50	3.88
Phys Ed./Athletics/Health	5.05	4.40	3.53
Reading Specialist	--	--	2.60
Science	9.00	6.10	.5
Social Studies	8.50	6.10	.5
Special Education	2.60	2.90	11.10
Student Activities	--	--	--
TOTAL SCHOOLS	72.88	54.25	89.01

In addition, there are 21.12 positions serving all schools and the pre-school, and 8.39 positions funded by State or Federal grants, for a total professional staff of 245.65

RECORD OF POST SECONDARY EDUCATION PLACEMENT

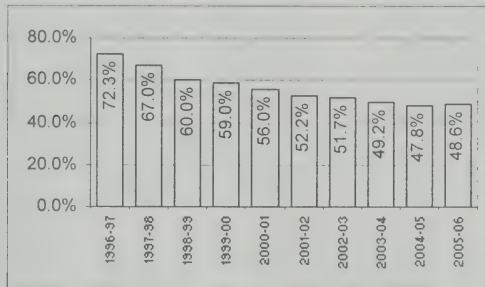
Class	Number of Graduates	% to 4 Year Colleges	% to Other Education	% of Total Continuing
1995	121	87	10	97
1996	110	86	10	96
1997	100	86	7	96
1998	92	95	2	97
1999	108	93	3	96
2000	130	91	6	97
2001	119	89	4	93
2002	111	84	10	94
2003	140	91	5	96
2004	161	93	5	98
2005	162	95	2	97
10 Yr. Avg.	123	90	5	96

PROFESSIONAL STAFF STATISTICS - 2005-06

Two hundred forty-seven full- and part-time professionals teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, librarians, specialists, and nurses provide educational services to Weston students. Each one is a unique person with special talents and knowledge. With the data below, we attempt to present a statistical picture of the Weston staff.

1. **Education:** Weston teachers and specialists are well educated. 75.7% have earned master's and doctoral degrees and among teachers who have earned post-graduate degrees, 40% have studied at least one year beyond the Master's (Master's + 30 credits).
2. **Experience:** Approximately 48.6% of Weston teachers have twelve or more years of experience. Of the thirty-two new teachers we hired this year, six were hired at Step 1. About 40% were hired at the Bachelor degree level. (See Table 1 & 2)

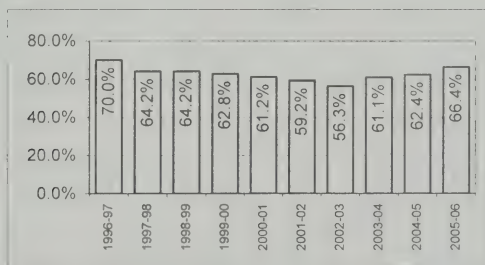
<u>% Teachers at Top Step</u>			
Fall 1996	72.3%	Fall 2001	52.2%
Fall 1997	67.0%	Fall 2002	51.7%
Fall 1998	60.0%	Fall 2003	49.2%
Fall 1999	59.0%	Fall 2004	47.8%
Fall 2000	56.0%	Fall 2005	48.6%



3. **Professional** The percentage of staff with "professional teacher status" has gone up slightly this year.

Teacher Status: This year, we added 32 new professional staff. Twenty-seven departed (five were due to leaves-of-absence) (Table 1-4b). Twenty teachers gained professional teacher status at the beginning of the school year. The nurses and athletic trainer who joined the WEA recently are not governed by the rules of the Professional Teacher Status.

<u>% Teachers with Professional Teacher Status</u>			
Fall 1996	70.0%	Fall 2001	59.2%
Fall 1997	64.2%	Fall 2002	56.3%
Fall 1998	64.2%	Fall 2003	61.1%
Fall 1999	62.8%	Fall 2004	62.4%
Fall 2000	61.2%	Fall 2005	66.4%



4. **Turnover:** 13.1% of the total number of teachers left at the close of 2004-05, and of those who left, 75% left voluntarily.

Staff Turnover

	<u>Left</u>	<u>Left Voluntarily</u> <i>(as % of those who left)</i>
1997-98	10.8%	90.0%
1998-99	11.9%	82.6%
1999-00	15.6%	80.1%
2000-01	10.5%	90.9%
2001-02	14.3%	90.9%
2002-03	10.0%	85.2%
2003-04	13.5%	78.8%
2004-05	13.1%	5.0%

CENSUS OF RESIDENTS AGE 0 - 5

As of January 1

BIRTH YEAR	CENSUS YEAR, JANUARY OF									
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1991	129									
1992	150	169								
1993	128	134	160							
1994	120	127	135	153						
1995	134	137	144	152	173					
1996		103	113	121	145	156				
1997			133	144	157	187	187			
1998				119	141	163	170	177		
1999					119	135	143	145	161	
2000						100	105	117	119	138
2001							121	127	140	157
2002								98	106	116
2003									90	98
2004										92
TOTALS	652	670	685	689	735	741	726	664	616	601

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT, PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AND EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL DATA

SCHOOL YEAR	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
HIGH SCHOOL											
October 1 Enrollment	433	451	460	475	497	543	583	636	664	682	688
No. of Staff*	41.75	43.1	44.1	51.85	53.2	55.95	63.75	67.3	70.1	71.0	72.9
Pupil-Staff Ratio	10.4	10.5	10.4	9.2	9.3	9.7	9.2	9.4	9.5	9.6	9.4
MIDDLE SCHOOL											
October 1 Enrollment	422	400	455	504	545	558	559	582	567	560	543
No. of Staff*	37.2	36.1	40.35	44.4	49.75	51.00	54.15	55.6	55.1	55.2	54.3
Pupil-Staff Ratio	11.3	11.1	11.3	11.4	11.0	10.9	10.3	10.5	10.3	10.2	10.0
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS											
October 1 Enrollment	962	1,016	1,056	1,083	1,107	1,114	1,112	1,081	1,099	1,077	1,070
No. of Staff*	67.95	70.5	72.95	74.8	77.55	83.75	87.5	86.75	85.15	87.1	89.0
Pupil-Staff Ratio	14.2	14.4	14.5	14.5	14.3	13.3	12.7	12.5	12.9	12.4	12.0
ALL SCHOOLS											
October 1 Enrollment	1,817	1,867	1,971	2,062	2,149	2,215	2,254	2,299	2,330	2,319	2,301
Total Prof. Staff**^	154.45	157.8	165.55	179.5	190.6	201.3	215.8	221.7	222.7	226.0	222.1
Total Pupil-Staff Ratio	11.8	11.8	11.9	11.5	11.3	11.0	10.4	10.4	10.5	10.2	10.4
Expenditure Per Student	\$7,784	\$8,009	\$8,170	\$8,469	\$8,740	\$9,223	\$9,724	\$10,083	\$10,132	\$10,592	11222/

*Includes Teachers, Specialists, and Building Administrators

**Includes Central Office Personnel

^Not including positions funded by State and Federal Grants
/Based on Estimated Expenditure for year in progress

REPORT OF WESTON INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATION

Established in 1950 by Town Meeting, the affiliation oversees the town's two international student exchange programs, one with the town of Rombas, France, and one with a preparatory school in Porto Alegre, Brazil. We also help welcome any student from abroad who attends Weston High School.



Gabe Fizer, the 2005-2006 WIA Exchange Student to Rombas, France.

Every year, the committee selects one Weston student to go to each of the two countries, and welcomes one student from each of our affiliated communities. The affiliation pays round trip airfare for the Weston students. We assist our visitors by finding homes for them and helping with academic and social adjustments and with expenses incurred while in Weston. These expenses include school accident insurance, some of the cost of the Close-Up trip to Washington, DC, or the full cost of the eighth grade trip there, yearbooks, special books and classroom supplies, sports deposits and other miscellaneous expenses. In 2005, we also helped to sponsor a group of Russian students and their teacher for a ten-day trip here.

Although we are an official town committee, we receive no tax money. Our funds come from an annual town-wide appeal, and from our spring brunch. Townspeople were generous as always in 2005, and we raised about seven thousand dollars from these two sources. Contributions are tax deductible.

The affiliation is also grateful for the support we receive from the community in the form of housing for our visitors. Approximately ten families a year open their homes and hearts to these teenagers. Lasting ties often form, some of which now extend thirty or forty years. Each student usually stays about two months with five different families, thus seeing several versions of what an American family looks like. New host families are welcomed by the affiliation. We encourage families who cannot serve as hosts to participate by inviting our international students to a dinner, weekend trip, sport event, the movies, or another family activity.

Highlights of 2005:

*Our visiting scholars for the current school year are:

Livia Silva from Porto Alegre, who has stayed with the families of Anwar Bhamla and Fareeda Osman, Henriette and John Power, and Peg and Rick Golden

Juliette Lebrun from Rombas, whose hosts have been the families of Carol and Henry Fizer, Wendy and Jon Spector, and Patty and Paul Stiehl

Juliette and Livia were honored at the annual reception in September at which they were officially welcomed to the town by Superintendent Alan Oliff as well as Acting High School Principal Robert Desaulniers and Assistant Principal Natalie Cohen.

*In 2004-05, our exchange students were:

Etienne Galvez from Rombas, whose hosts in 2004 were the Eagles, the Fizers, the Spectors, and the Endicotts.

Mariana Ribeiro from Porto Alegre, who stayed with the Phelans, Angiollilos, and Teplows.

*Weston students abroad:

Gabe Fizer is spending the 2005-06 school year in Rombas.



Current Weston International Affiliation exchange students: (from left) Juliette Lebrun of Rombas, France; Fred Stiehl, Weston's '04-'05 exchange student to France; and Livia Silva of Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Other highlights of the year:

- Jim Smith, member of WIA and history teacher at the high school, helped organize a ten-day trip to Weston for a group of Russian students and their teacher. WIA sponsored the group and welcomed them at our spring brunch.

The committee extends special thanks to the host families in all three participating countries. They provide the most essential ingredient for the success of this cultural exchange.

WESTON WAR MEMORIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND COMMITTEE

The Weston War Memorial Educational Fund Committee awarded eight scholarships to Weston High School graduates in 2005. These awards, totaling \$13,000, were based on need, scholastic ability and good character.

Each fall the Committee solicits tax-deductible donations through a town-wide mailing to residents and businesses. Only the interest on the principal balance of the fund can be used for these awards. Although we have noticed a slight decrease in donations in the past few years, the Committee appreciates the continued support we receive.

The Committee extends our deepest sympathy to the families and many friends of Dr. Vera Laska, a longtime WWMEFC member, who passed away in December of 2005.

Principal Balance, June 30, 2004:	\$ 246,076.47
Annual Fund Appeal:	5,520.00
Gain on Sale of Investments:	<u>37,576.71</u>
Principal Balance, June 30, 2005	\$ 289,173.18

REPORT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

School of Applied Arts & Sciences

Class of 2005 Graduate Achievement Highlights

- 91% of the Class of 2005 graduated into college, employment in their field of study or the US military.
- Commercial & Human Services graduates achieved 94% placement rate with 25 of 48 (52%) enrolled in college and 20 of 48 (42%) employed in their field of study.
- Science Technology graduates achieved 92% placement with 53 of 64 (83%) enrolled in college, 2 of 64 (3%) employed in their field of study and 3 of 64 (6%) enlisted in the US military with 100% of electromechanical engineering, environmental science and graphic communications students attending college.
- Construction-Trades graduates achieved 89% placement rate with 16 of 72 enrolled in college, 47 entering the workplace in their field of study and 1 enlisting in the US military.
- 100% of Dental graduates passed the National Dental Board examination.
- 100% of Early Childhood Education graduates were certified by the Office for Child Care Services.
- 96% of Cosmetology graduates passed the state board examination.
- Medical Occupations graduates achieved 100% placement in college.
- The 2005 Valedictorian, an Environmental Science student earned the prestigious University Scholar status for enrollment at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.
- Weston resident Tyler Schwartz graduated in June 2005 in the HVAC department.

Academic Division Highlights

- Minuteman sophomores tied for third place in Massachusetts among regional technical schools on MCAS test performance.
- Forty-five students took advantage of college level pre-calculus and calculus courses under an articulation agreement with Middlesex Community College.
- Minuteman students on the Math Team finished the year in first place in the state vocational conference for the third year in a row.
- A Latin course was expanded to serve the growing number of students interested in medical careers, biotechnology and science.
- The Minuteman Players, the school's drama students, produced and performed a full production of Neil Simon's, "*The Odd Couple*".
- The Special Education Department teamed with mainstream teachers to help students achieve one of the highest levels of special education MCAS "pass" scores in the state.
- Faculty members from English, Guidance, Social Studies and several vocational fields designed another series of Character Education curriculum for use throughout the school.

Science & Technology Division Highlights

- The Biotechnology Academy formed a new partnership with Harvard University Molecular Biology Laboratory and Children's Hospital and added bioethics, cell graphing and forensic science into its curriculum.
- The first state-approved high school pre-engineering program entered its sixth year and graduated its second class of students, again with 100% attending college.
- Electromechanical Robotics students took National Third Place in Skills USA National Competition on Team Robotics and Automation.
- Many new business/industry projects were achieved, including: Verizon supporting after-school technology training for middle school students, Cognex Corporation of Natick providing weekly on-line interactive training on Visions Systems, GTE helping with new physics units for biotechnology, the Northeast Center for Telecommunications providing

grant assistance, and an \$80,000 gift from Adept Robots for the Electromechanical Engineering/Robotics program.

- Environmental Technology students' off-campus included service projects for such agencies as the MWRA, Cambridge Water Department, Bolton Conservation Commission, Sudbury Valley Trustees, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Northeastern University Marine Biology Research Laboratory, and the United States National Park Service, Minuteman National Historic Park.
- Minuteman staff members are taking a leadership role in working with the Department of Education to develop the vocational Certification of Occupational Proficiency (C.O.P.).

Construction – Power Mechanics – Building Trades Division Highlights

- The Automotive Technology Department won the industry's Most Outstanding Automotive Program in Massachusetts award for the sixth year in a row.
- Students in Carpentry, Electrical Wiring, Plumbing and HVAC completed construction of the three-bedroom colonial home for the Lexington Housing Authority in partnership with the Lexington Rotary Club.
- Carpentry and Drafting students designed and constructed classroom improvements for the Brooks Elementary and Middle School in Lincoln.
- Drafting & Design Technology students completed plans for a large garage to be built by Minuteman's construction students in Lexington.
- Underclassmen created four scaled New England style homes for display at the New England Home Show in Boston. Minuteman is the only participating vocational high school in MA.
- The Automotive Technology program earned the top honors 5-year recertification through the National Automotive Technical Education Foundation (NATEF).
- The Automotive Collision Repair program also earned the NATEF certification.
- The Landscape Management Department won several award, including their seventh consecutive First Place at the Annual New England Flower Show in Boston.

Commercial & Human Services Division Highlights

- The Child Development Center and the Early Childhood Education Department was recertified by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.
- The Culinary Arts Department became a certification site by the American Culinary Federation.
- For the third year in a row, Culinary Arts students won first-place in the annual culinary competition at Newbury College and in so doing earned \$7,000 in scholarships for enrollment at Newbury College.
- As a community service project a team of junior Graphic Communications students worked with the Lahey Clinic in designing and printing a 2005 calendar incorporating artwork drawn by elementary age students who are patients in the "young hearts" clinic.
- A sophomore Culinary Arts Baking student won National First Place in the Skills USA skills competition. In 2003, she earned National Second Place in the same national competition.

Overall School Highlights

- A new Freshmen Exploratory program was designed and implemented as a means to ensure that members of the Class of 2009 have a full opportunity to experience each of Minuteman's twenty-two technical programs before choosing a major.
- New and/or updated college articulation and advance credit agreements with numerous top colleges in 26 different career areas.
- Minuteman programs and camps provided to member town residents continued at one of the highest participation and success levels in the state.

- The Facilities Management Department completed major campus renovation and facility improvement projects including conversion to gas heating, upgrading athletic fields, and renovation of the school's administrative offices.
- Numerous staff development efforts focused on obtaining national rather than just state certification in graphics & digital media, culinary arts, and collision repair.
- Several of the school's students who participated in the National SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, MO came home with medals or with top ten placements. These awards included a gold medal in Commercial Baking and a bronze in Robotic and Automation Technology. Recognition was also received in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVACR) Related Technical Math
- Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps left on their 40-state summer tour with a new food trailer, thanks to a the work of Minuteman Students enrolled in electrical, plumbing, HVAC, welding and carpentry career majors who transformed an empty trailer into a state-of-the-art mobile kitchen. Since the kitchen is traveling through many states, the students were required to follow Department of Transportation regulations. The trailer kitchen, an 18 wheeler which also carries equipment for the bugle corps is expected kitchen to serve 56,000 meals to more than 200 touring members and volunteers.
- Minuteman's Art & Literary Magazine published its 20th Anniversary edition, and as usual, the publication contains many outstanding examples of student-generated poetry and art. This year's magazine showcases 21 poets and 16 artists.

After several years of dedicated service, three members left the Regional School Committee in 2005. The entire Minuteman Regional School District thanks Dr. Erin Phelps of Arlington, Dr. Michael Rudd of Concord and Mary Shaw of Weston for their years of service and leadership. David Harmon has replaced Ms. Shaw as Weston's representative to the Committee.

MINUTEMAN FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenues	Fy 04 Actual	Fy05 Budget	Fy05 Actual/ Encumbered	Transfer/ Receipts	Available
District Assessments	7,956,233	7,990,324	7,990,324	-	-
Chapter 70 Aid	2,064,385	2,047,550	2,045,500	-	(2,050)
Current Tuition	445,369	507,340	670,807	-	163,467
Transportation Reimb.	471,879	445,532	653,811	-	208,279
Choice	110,000	156,633	156,633	-	-
Other Program Income	242,021	191,553	222,201	-	30,648
Certified E&D/ App.Surplus	93,873	322,349	322,349	-	-
Land Sale	-	400,344	-	-	(400,344)
Previous Year's Tuition	<u>3,757,593</u>	<u>3,282,714</u>	<u>3,282,714</u>	-	-
Total	15,141,353	15,344,339	5,344,339	-	-
Expenses					
Instructional Programs		1,071,713	1,024,201	21,350	24,686
Administration	511,910	449,858	473,462	636	(22,968)
Building & Services	1,978,175	2,023,808	2,216,787	76,677	(116,302)
Salaries And Benefits	<u>11,605,919</u>	<u>1,798,960</u>	<u>11,673,431</u>	<u>127,908</u>	-
Total	<u>15,141,353</u>	<u>15,344,339</u>	<u>15,387,881</u>	<u>226,571</u>	<u>66,727</u>
Excess Revenue	-	-	(43,542)	226,571	66,727

TOWN RECORDS 2005
(Condensed)

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
May 7, 2005

Pursuant to a warrant duly served, the Annual Town Election was called to order in the Town Hall Auditorium by Warden Patricia Shotwell at 8 a.m. on May 7, 2005, for the election of Town Officers. Mrs. Shotwell swore the election officers to the faithful performance of their duties.

Total ballots cast were as follows:

Precincts 1 & 2	806
Precincts 3 & 4	<u>675</u>
TOTAL	1481

Of the 1481 ballots cast, 108 or 13.71% were cast by absentee ballot.

The results of the election were as follows:

Moderator - One Year

Robert M. Buchanan*	111 Summer Street	Caucus Nominee	1204
Blanks			271
<u>Scattering</u>			<u>6</u>

Selectman - Three Years

Michael H. Harrity	695 Boston Post Road	Caucus Nominee	1029
Edward C. Michaud, Jr.	2 Sudbury Road	Caucus Nominee	295
Blanks			154
<u>Scattering</u>			<u>3</u>

Selectman - One Years

(to fill a vacancy)

Ann G. Leibowitz		Caucus Nominee	1157
Blanks			318
<u>Scattering</u>			<u>6</u>

Assessors - Three Years *Vote for Two*

Alan T. Orth*	17 Warren Lane	Caucus Nominee	1023
Janice M. Glynn	54 Old Colony Road	Caucus Nominee	931
Blanks			1005
<u>Scattering</u>			<u>3</u>

School Committee - Three Years

Bella T. Wong*	334 South Ave	Caucus Nominee	1112
Blanks			357
<u>Scattering</u>			<u>12</u>

* Indicates incumbent

Recreation Commission - Three Years <i>Vote for Two</i>			
Elly Draper Pendergast*	59 Wellesley Street	Caucus Nominee	1120
James I. Rubens.*	20 Ledgewood Rd	Caucus Nominee	989
Blanks			848
Scattering			5
Recreation Commission - Two Years <i>(to fill a vacancy)</i>			
Robert D. Crowley	90 Dean Rd	Caucus Nominee	1090
Blanks			386
Scattering			5
Planning Board - Five Years			
David O. Mendelsohn*	33 Spruce Hill Road	Caucus Nominee	1068
Blanks			406
Scattering			7
Library Trustees - Three Years <i>Vote for Two</i>			
Diana S. Coates	30 Myles Standish Road	Caucus Nominee	1049
Joseph W. Mullin	81 Merriam Street	Caucus Nominee	1054
Blanks			856
Scattering			3
Board of Health -Three Years			
Carl A. Hirsch	7 Conant Road	Caucus Nominee	1081
Blanks			399
Scattering			1
Commissioner of Trust Funds - Three Years			
Charles M. Ganson, Jr.*	150 Chestnut Street	Caucus Nominee	1077
Blanks			400
Scattering			4
Commissioner of Trust Funds - Two Years <i>(to fill a vacancy)</i>			
Edward W. Weld	211 Ash t Street	Caucus Nominee	1049
Blanks			431
Scattering			1
Measurers of Lumber -One Year <i>Vote for Three</i>			
David C. Bennett*	56 Westland Road	Caucus Nominee	953
Barrett W. Gilchrist*	75 Warren Avenue	Caucus Nominee	943
Rosemary Broton Boyle*	261 Merriam Street	Caucus Nominee	947
Blanks			1587
Scattering			13

QUESTION NO. 1: PROPOSITION 2½ GENERAL OVERRIDE

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to assess an additional \$1,370,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of defraying Town operating expenses for the fiscal year beginning July first, two thousand and five?

Yes: 996 No: 467 Blanks:18

QUESTION NO. 2: PROPOSITION 2½ DEBT EXCLUSION

Shall the Town of Weston be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amount required to pay for the bond(s) issued in order to design, engineer, construct and equip the following, including all costs incidental and related thereto: (1) DPW Equipment

Replacement; (2) Roadway Improvements; (3) Drainage Rehabilitation Projects; (4) Geographic Information System-Phase 3; (5) Library Roof Replacement; (6) Fire Department Ambulance; (7) Fiber Optic I-Net; (8) Emergency Phone Notification System; (9) Middle School Pool Facility Heating System; (10) School Technology; (11) School Department Parking/Road Improvements; (12) Field School Feasibility Study; and (13) School Bus Replacements?

Yes: 1093 No: 347 Blanks: 41

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 9, 2005

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service.

The Moderator appointed tellers and swore them to their duties.

Tellers in the Auditorium: Jane Webb Clark Chandler
 Diana Chaplin Thomas Jackson

Tellers in the Gymnasium: Michael Pappone Diane Savitsky
 Barbara Coburn Gregory Kee

ARTICLE 1: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2005 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town amend certain parts of the fiscal year 2005 Water Enterprise Fund budget adopted under Article 3 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting and amended under Article 2 at the November 29, 2004 Special Town Meeting, by transferring between line items as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>
Salaries	\$215,652	\$195,652
Expenses	208,328	273,328
MWRA/Assessment Water Purchases	1,065,000	1,020,000

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2005 RECREATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town supplement certain parts of the fiscal year 2005 Recreation Enterprise budget adopted under Article 4 of the 2004 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>
Salaries	\$671,795	\$684,795
Expenses	379,900	433,900
Community Center	76,090	69,090

And as funding therefor, that \$60,000 be transferred from Recreation Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATE FOR FIRE STATION 2 ROOF PROJECT

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town appropriate an additional \$30,000 for extraordinary repairs to the Fire Station 2 rehabilitation project, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

The motion was voted by a two-thirds majority as declared by the moderator.

Mr. Gillespie expressed gratitude to the retiring elected and volunteer officers of the Town of Weston and to the retiring Town employees.

Motion to dissolve Special Town Meeting passes at 7:50 P.M.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 9, 2005

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service.

ARTICLE 1: M. Elizabeth Nolan, Town Clerk read the results of the May 7, 2005 Annual Town Election, which results appear in the report of the Town Election (above).

ARTICLE 2: AMEND ZONING BYLAW: ACTIVE ADULT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Ms. Kathy Strehle moved to amend the Town of Weston Zoning Bylaw, by adding a new Section V.K. as set forth in Article 2 of the Warrant, with the changes as shown in the handout.

Ms. Strehle explained to Town Meeting members that although the proposed zoning bylaw could be applicable to nine properties in the town, each parcel would need a 2/3 vote from Town Meeting to be re-zoned as an Active Adult Residential Development District [AARDD]. The developer of Highland Meadows, Lee Barbairi, and the developer's engineers, detailed the development proposed under Article # for Highland Street if the AARDD Bylaw were to be approved under Article 2. Harold Hestnes, speaking for the Board of Selectmen, Al Adeylott, Chairman of the Planning Board, Steve Over, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Cal Cleveland, Chairman of the Council on Aging, stated their respective boards unanimously recommended the members vote for both Article 2 and Article 3 of the warrant. Inge Uhler opposed the motion, stating the proposal under Article 3 was not affordable housing for active adults with moderate means, instead only active adults with high income levels would be able to afford the Highland Meadows development.

Robert A. Nolan moved to amend the motion by inserting in Item 1. Definition and Applicability, line 3, after the words permanent occupancy, the following:

"Fifty [50%] percent of the total of the dwelling units shall be restricted, including in their unit deeds,"

Ms. Strehle did not accept the motion. Speaking in opposition to the bylaw, were Lisa Jacobs, Peter Tallas, Robert Hedges, and Robert Enzmann. Opponents raised concerns regarding long term impact on other potential developments in the town, impact on open space, and the lack of affordable housing. Addressing concerns voiced from Town Meeting members, Al Adelyott responded to concerns, saying there are never any guarantees a developer will not go under, but he was confident the Highland Meadows developer had "deep pockets"; the proposed bylaw would not impact the Regis proposal as Regis did not need the AARDD bylaw, and that the Highland Meadows' parcel could be developed with twenty-six single family homes. Proponents, Ken Fish, Edward Lashman, Barbara Landy, Florence Howe, and David Harmon spoke in favor of the bylaw change.

Motion to move the question passes.

In response to a question from the Moderator, before taking a vote on the motion to amend, Town Counsel stated Federal guidelines would not permit the AARDD restriction to apply to fifty percent but that eighty percent total restriction would be allowable. Mr. Nolan amended his motion to "eighty percent".

Vote on Mr. Nolan's motion to amend: defeated

Ms. Strehle's motion was voted by the following vote: Yes: 424 No: 35

Section V.K. of the Zoning By-law as adopted reads as follows:

K. ACTIVE ADULT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ("AARD")

1. DEFINITION AND APPLICABILITY

An Active Adult Residential Development ("AARD") is an alternative type of residential development in which, except as hereinafter provided, permanent occupancy of the dwelling units shall be restricted to persons 55 years of age or older, and in which at least 10% of the total number of dwelling units shall be affordable for purchase or lease by persons of low income, as defined by G.L.Ch.40B, provided however, that some or all of the affordable units may not be age -restricted. Customary, non-commercial accessory uses shall also be allowed as part of an AARD. However, no accessory retail or other commercial use or nursing care facilities shall be allowed in an AARD.

An AARD is an allowable use in the Single Family Residence District (A), Single Family Residence District (B), and Business District (B), with Concept Plan approval by two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting and subsequent Special Permit with Site Plan Approval issued by the Planning Board.

2. PURPOSES

The purposes of an AARD are to:

- a. Provide alternative housing for a maturing population;
- b. Provide a type of housing which reduces residents' burdens of property maintenance and which reduces demands on municipal services;

- c. Encourage the development of affordable housing for active adults with low and moderate income; and
- d. Promote flexibility in site planning while protecting natural features, scenic views into property, protect existing vegetation and land forms and utilization of land in harmony with neighboring properties.

3. MINIMUM TRACT SIZE

No tract of land may be used for an AARD unless it contains at least 40 acres of contiguous land, exclusive of (a) the wetlands resource areas listed in 310 CMR 10.02, 1, a through e, (b) the first (inner) 100 feet of the Riverfront Area as defined in 310 CMR 10.58, and (c) land included in the Town's Wetland and Flood Plain Protection District (collectively, the "Exclusions".)

4. CONCEPT PLAN

The purpose of the Concept Plan is to present the proposed project to Town Meeting in such a way so that the Town can compare the impacts from a proposed AARD to the impacts from a by-right use development and decide whether this is a suitable use for the tract. The Concept Plan shall include: (1) Preliminary Site Plan which provides a conceptual layout for the AARD, including tree survey, trees required for removal, roadway, driveway and walkway locations, location of utilities, grading plans for dwellings, roads, driveways, walkways, location of waste water treatment structure(s), storm water management structures and associated grading, and general landscaping, exterior lighting; (2) Preliminary Architectural Plans and Elevations; (3) Traffic Analysis of the AARD; (4) A Municipal Impact Analysis of the AARD; (5) Site Impact Analysis of the AARD; (6) In addition, in order to compare the impact of the AARD to the impact of the by-right use in the zoning district(s), the Concept Plan shall also include: Preliminary Site Plan/Site Impact Analysis, Traffic Analysis, and Municipal Impact Analysis for the "By-Right" Plan. An element of the Concept Plan review shall be a comparison of the proposed AARD with the by-right residential use in the underlying Zoning District(s) in which the development tract is located.

The plans and supporting material submitted to the Planning Board and Town Meeting shall be sufficiently detailed to enable the Planning Board and Town Meeting to evaluate and compare the impacts of the AARD and a By-Right project. The submission requirements for the Concept Plan shall be specified in rules and regulations to be adopted by the Planning Board.

The AARD By-law provides some design flexibility in order to encourage developers to work with the land; however, the Concept Plan for an AARD development shall be evaluated according to the following General Design Guidelines and Standards:

a. General Design Guidelines

(i) Site Design

The development shall be sensitive to the land and take into consideration existing natural resources including but not limited to the following: land forms, woodlands, wetlands, vernal pools, and geological features. Tree and soil removal shall be minimized.

The development shall be sensitive to man-made architectural and historical resources including but not limited to the following: historic buildings, trails, stone walls, and scenic views into the property from the public way.

The development shall take into account Low Impact Development techniques for storm water management and shall incorporate "green" principals in building

materials, systems, and site design. Where possible, buildings shall be located to take advantage of solar and wind orientation.

(ii) Relationship to Neighboring Properties

The tract shall be developed in consideration of neighboring properties in regard to scale, character, impact, drainage and storm water runoff.

Awareness of the development, particularly a higher density development, shall be minimized by screening views of the development from nearby streets, adjacent neighborhoods, conservation land and Town properties by the effective use of existing landforms, alterations thereto, berms and by existing vegetation and supplemental plantings.

Open space shall be located and designed so as to increase the visual amenities of the abutting neighborhoods as well as for occupants of the development.

The number of access points to the Town's system of primary and secondary streets shall be minimized and the location of intersections with primary and secondary streets shall be such to minimize traffic congestion.

(iii) Landscape Design

The natural character and appearance of the Town shall be maintained or enhanced insofar as practical. Landscape design for the AARD shall reflect the desire of Weston residents to preserve the Town's rural character by avoiding formal manicured landscape treatments, especially where visible from the roadways, public trails and abutting properties.

A dense vegetative buffer around the entire perimeter of the tract shall be required to screen the AARD from existing roads and adjacent properties. The buffer shall contain existing trees and vegetation. The depth of the buffer may vary but it must provide substantial visual screening and will be classified as a no-cut zone.

In projects where the vegetative perimeter buffer does not screen portions of the development from existing roads and adjacent properties due to topography, additional screen plantings in the interior of the tract will be required.

(iv) Architecture

Buildings shall be located harmoniously with the landforms, trees and other natural features of the site. They shall be located advantageously for views from a building while minimizing intrusion on views from other buildings.

Architecture within the AARD shall reflect or complement the historic architectural fabric of Weston. Preferred building materials include wood clapboard, shingle, and fieldstone.

Without specifying any particular architectural style, the scale, massing and detailing of buildings shall be compatible with those prevalent in the neighborhood. Where a multifamily development is located adjacent to a neighborhood of single family dwellings, the massing scheme and the selection of exterior materials for buildings shall be complementary to a single family neighborhood.

Buildings of historic or architectural significance shall be preserved and readapted wherever possible. New buildings shall be compatible with existing historic structures.

b. Standards

(i)The developer shall make adequate, but not excessive, provisions for parking. There shall be provided at least two parking spaces per dwelling unit (counting garage space) plus additional parking for recreational amenities and provisions of guest spaces. All parking lots must be landscaped to the satisfaction of the Planning Board.

(ii)The frontage and setback requirements in the underlying Zoning District(s) where the tract is located shall be the minimum for an AARD.

(iii)An AARD shall provide at least 45% undisturbed, restored and created open space. Undisturbed open space shall be preferred, especially along the perimeter of the tract. Open space is defined as land not covered by buildings, above ground structures and paving or any other type of impervious surface.

(iv)The maximum AARD floor area ratio (Residential Gross Floor Area, "RGFA" of all buildings minus total gross floor area of affordable units) divided by the total buildable area of the tract (minus the Exclusions) of an AARD shall not exceed 11%, however, there may be, at the Planning Board's discretion, provision for the addition of bonus gross floor area, up to a maximum floor area of 5%, upon the provision of additional open space, other public benefits and/or additional affordable housing (whether low or moderate income), as the Planning Board may determine.

(v)The maximum number of dwelling units per acre shall be 1.5, excluding affordable units. In making such computation, the Exclusions shall be deducted from the total land area.

(vi)Buildings in an AARD shall be arranged efficiently and clustered in order to maximize provision of open space on a site. There shall be no more than four dwelling units in a single building.

(vii)Prior to Town Meeting adoption of a Concept Plan, the Developer of an AARD shall execute a Development Agreement with the Board of Selectmen, after review and approval by the Planning Board, that includes, but is not limited to; agreements with neighborhood(s); construction issues including staging and truck routes; timing of construction; funding for off site improvements; affordable housing agreements (protection of affordability); enforcement of age-restriction; historic preservation agreements; open space agreements; form of ownership and organization of the development; operation and management responsible for the development; deed restrictions; specification sheet for construction; hours of operation, payment for clerk of works.

(viii)All roads within an AARD are intended to remain private.

c. Procedures

i. Approval of an AARD Concept Plan shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting, following a recommendation and report to Town Meeting by the Planning Board as to whether and how the proposed Concept Plan meets the purposes of the AARD and the General Design Guidelines and Standards for Concept Plans as set forth in this By-law. It shall be the obligation of the applicant to timely submit an article to the Board of Selectmen for inclusion of the AARD Concept Plan proposal on the warrant for the Town Meeting at which the applicant will be seeking concept approval.

ii. The AARD Concept Plan approval process commences with the filing of the proposed Concept Plan with the Planning Board. Before filing the Concept Plan, the applicant shall meet informally with the Planning Board to discuss the project, including scope, timing of public hearing and Town Meeting and program. A filing fee and a review fee shall be deposited with the Planning Board at the time of submission of the Concept Plan to the Board. The filing and review fees shall be specified in a separate document to be adopted by the Planning Board. In addition to filing the Concept Plan with the Planning Board, the Plan shall be filed with the Selectmen, Town Engineer, Board of Health, Conservation Commission, Fire and Police Department. The Planning Board will determine whether the Concept Plan is complete and schedule a public hearing within a reasonable time from receiving a complete submission.

5. SITE PLAN APPROVAL-SPECIAL PERMIT

a. Timing

Not more than twelve (12) months after the Concept Plan has been approved by Town Meeting, and prior to applying for any other permits or commencing any work on the site, including but not limited to demolition, tree or vegetation removal, earth removal, or grading, application may be made to the Planning Board for an AARD Special Permit with Site Plan Approval.

b. Site Plan Approval-Special Permit Submission and Findings

The submissions required of an applicant for a Special Permit with Site Plan Approval for an AARD shall be set forth in rules and regulations to be adopted by the Planning Board. Such submissions shall include the documentation that will govern the use, occupancy and other matters related to the AARD, such as, but not limited to, the master deed, declaration of trust and rules and regulations, if the AARD will be a condominium (collectively, the "AARD Governance Documents"). The Planning Board shall issue a Special Permit and Site Plan Approval for an AARD only if it finds that the AARD presented in the application is not substantially different from the Concept Plan approved at Town Meeting, and if it specifically finds that:

(i)The Site Plan provides for no reduction in setbacks and no increase in number of dwelling units and, no substantial change, in the sole opinion of the Planning Board, in location of the units, gross floor area, height, and amount of open space, as provided for in the approved Concept Plan. However, in the Special Permit, the Planning Board may require additional plantings beyond those shown on the Concept Plan and specify an increase in size of plantings if it furthers the goals of this By-Law.

(ii)The Site Plan provides for no uses which are not permitted by the approved Concept Plan.

(iii)The Applicant makes provision that any land shown in the approved Concept Plan as permanent open space be subject to a permanent conservation easement, according to MGL S.31 of Chapter 184, prior to application for a building permit for any dwelling units on the AARD tract. Proof of execution and recordation of this easement shall be delivered to the Planning Board. The restriction shall be held by the Town of Weston or its designee, and the open land may be used for limited recreation by the residents of the Town.

(iv)Walking trails are established within the AARD parcel and connected to the Weston Forest and Trail Association, Inc. network and/or Town of Weston land. The trails shall be established by permanent easement and located in upland areas. If there are not WFTA trails or Town land in the vicinity of the AARD parcel, as determined by the Planning Board, then walking trails shall be established within the AARD tract for the residents.

(v)Buildings and surrounding grounds are located so that fire, police and other emergency personnel have reasonable access to all structures.

(vi)All utilities, other lines and equipment, including but not limited to electric, telephone, cable TV, are located underground.

(vii)The Site Plan locates and screens refuse disposal area, utility buildings, storage areas and other support facilities to make them less visible from sites external and internal to the AARD parcel.

(viii)The provisions of the AARD Governance Documents are satisfactory to the Planning Board and approved as to form by Town Counsel, including restrictions limiting permanent occupancy of the aged restricted units to persons aged 55 or older. Such restrictions may include provisions allowing limited, temporary occupancy by persons under the age of 55 such as guests or necessary health aides.

(ix)The Development is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Town of Weston Zoning By-law.

c. Site Plan Approval/Special Permit Rules and Regulations

The Planning Board shall adopt rules and regulations in a separate document that are consistent with this by-law specifying design standards for site development features, including, but not limited to: exterior lighting; storm water management; landscaping; erosion control; architectural design; design and construction standards for streets; street and parcel monumentation.

d. Phasing Plan

A Phasing Plan shall be submitted by the Applicant and approved by the Planning Board as part of the Special Permit process. Surety may be required, at the Planning Board's discretion, for different phases of the construction, to guarantee performance and implementation of the Concept Plan and Special Permit Plan(s). The Planning Board shall determine the type and amount of the surety and the timing for deposit of surety with the Town. This phasing plan shall be endorsed by the Board prior to any work done on site, including tree removal, grubbing, excavation of any sort, and, prior to application for a Building or Demolition Permit.

e. Construction Plan

A detailed Construction Plan for the proposed development shall be submitted by the Applicant and approved by the Planning Board as part of the Special Permit process. A list of submission items shall be listed in a separate document approved by the Planning Board and may include, but not be limited to the following items: hours of operation, truck routes, material safety data sheets, erosion and storm water control.

ARTICLE 3: APPROVE CONCEPT PLAN: ACTIVE ADULT RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Ms. Robin Reisman moved that the Town approve the Concept Plan entitled "Highland Meadows at Weston, Massachusetts, Concept Plans, Active Adult Residential Development," dated March 2, 2005, consisting of a Cover Sheet, Site Drawings CP-1 through CP-10 and Architectural Drawings A-1 through A-9, prepared by Sasaki Associates, Inc., which depicts an Active Adult Residential Development and which was filed with the Planning Board pursuant to proposed Section V.K. of the Zoning By-Law.

The motion was voted by a Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

Motion to adjourn until Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

Motion passes.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Wednesday May 11, 2005

The Moderator declared a quorum present. The Moderator appointed tellers and swore them to their duties.

Tellers in the Auditorium: Patricia Munson
Elmer Jones

Blake Munson
Jeri Cooper

The Moderator requested a moment of silence in memory of Joan Vernon, Selectman.

ARTICLE 4: APPROVE RELEASE OF WATER EASEMENT

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of all those rights in land it holds in Lot 22 on Assessors' Map 41, 80 Loring Road, by virtue of a deed dated October 17, 2001 and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 33881, page 376 from the Town of Weston for laying and maintaining water pipes and mains, said easement as recorded in Book 6414, page 487, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as they may determine, to release all such right, title and interest.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 5: APPROVE RELEASE OF TURNAROUND EASEMENT

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town transfer the care, custody, management and control of all those rights in land it holds in Lot 8 on Assessors' Map 55, 16 Sylvan Lane, by virtue of a deed dated August 29, 2001 and recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds as document #1181467, from the Board of Selectmen for roadway purposes, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as they may determine, to release all such right, title and interest, or take any other action relative thereto.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 6 (1): APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the several sums of money recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, in accordance with Section 5 of

Article II of the General By-laws, as amended, and set forth in pages 7-10 of the report entitled, "FY06 Recommended Operating Budget," be raised and appropriated for their respective purposes as set forth on said pages, and that the Town transfer the following sums to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting:

(1A). \$285,000 from the Well Litigation Settlement Account;

and to authorize the Board of Assessors to use such available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for fiscal year 2006.

The motion passes.

ARTICLE 6 (b): APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the several sums of money recommended by the Board of Selectmen for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005, in accordance with Section 5 of Article II of the General By-laws, as amended, and set forth in pages 7-10 of the report entitled, "FY06 Recommended Operating Budget," be raised and appropriated for their respective purposes as set forth on said pages, and that the Town transfer the following sums to meet, in part, appropriations made at this Town Meeting:

(1B) \$25,000 from the Cemetery Improvements Continuing Balance Account; \$7,063 from the Minuteman Library Network Continuing Balance Account; \$1,400,000 from the Free Cash Account; \$110,000 from the "Accrued Income, Well Litigation Settlement" account; \$35,000 from the Cemetery Trust Fund; \$247,000 from Overlay Surplus; and \$7,000 from the Josiah Smith Tavern Trust Fund;

and to authorize the Board of Assessors to use such available funds to meet appropriations in their computation of the tax rate for fiscal year 2006.

The motion was voted by a Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

The budget as adopted under Article 6, Motion 1 (a & b) is as follows:

FY06 OPERATING BUDGET

TITLE OF ACCOUNTS		Appropriated Fiscal Year 2006
UNCLASSIFIED		
Insurance	Insurance, Workers' Compensation	205,000
	Public Safety - Injured on Duty+	20,000
	Unemployment Compensation	50,000
	Insurance-Property & Liability	361,000
	Uninsured Losses+	15,000
	subtotal	651,000

NOTE: Accounts indicated by + are continuing appropriations, the balance of which shall be carried forward to the next fiscal year.

Fringe Benefits	Insurance-Group Health/Life, Medicare	7,853,304
	Contributory Retirement-Middlesex	
	Contributory Retirement-Teachers	-
	Compensated Absence Fund+	150,000
	subtotal	10,147,902
Street Lighting		116,000
Reserve Fund	(see Appendix 2 for list of transfers made)	350,000
Debt Service (non-excluded)	Principal & Interest	79,458
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		11,344,360

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen/Town Manager	Salaries	335,015
	Expenses	84,810
	Consulting & Professional Services+	30,000
	subtotal	449,825
Merit Pay	Transfer Account	38,698
Legal	Expenses	151,800
Facilities Maintenance	Salaries	75,748
	Expenses	124,335
	Town Hall Equipment+	5,000
	Test/Replace Underground Storage Tanks+	-
	Facilities Improvements-Town-wide+	125,000
	subtotal	330,083
War Mem. Ed. Fund. Comm.	Expenses	1,200
Memorial Day	Expenses	-
Senior Service Program		-
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		971,606

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Finance Committee	Expenses	250
Finance	Salaries-Elected Officials	500
	Salaries	574,841
	Expenses	118,840
	subtotal	694,181
Town Clerk & Registrars of Voters	Salary-Elected Official	150
	Salaries	78,904
	Expenses	10,575
	subtotal	89,629
Information Systems	Salaries	94,747
	Expenses	80,900
	Computer Hardware & Maintenance+	16,500
	subtotal	192,147
		976,207

PLANNING & LAND USE		
Clerks of Committees	Salaries	113,098
Board of Appeals	Expenses	4,905
Planning Board	Salaries	73,130
	Expenses	37,000
	subtotal	110,130
Conservation Commission	Expenses	85,850
	Conservation Fund+	-
Historical Commission	Expenses	4,500
Crescent St. Historic District Commission	Expenses	100
TOTAL PLANNING & LAND USE		318,583
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police	Salaries	2,296,342
	Expenses	210,992
	Equipment and Apparatus+	47,000
	Cell Improvements+	-
	Police - Injured on Duty+	-
	subtotal	2,554,334
Fire	Salaries	2,060,808
	Expenses	172,816
	Hydrant Service	45,000
	Emergency Management+	2,000
	Equipment and Apparatus+	-
	Fire Captain's Vehicle+	-
	Firefighters - Injured on Duty+	-
	subtotal	2,280,624
Inspectional Services	Salaries	130,383
	Expenses	11,580
	subtotal	141,963
Dog Officer	Salaries	5,092
	Expenses	3,500
	subtotal	8,592
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		4,985,513

EDUCATION		
School Department	Salaries	21,177,924
	Instructional, Maint & Other Expenses	3,781,320
	Transportation Salaries	601,561
	Transportation Expenses	260,282
	Transportation Garage - Arch Services+	-
	Subtotal	25,821,087
Minuteman Regional Voc.	Assessment	111,148
Technical School District		
TOTAL EDUCATION		25,932,235
PUBLIC WORKS		
	Salaries	1,452,750
	Expenses	
	Snow and Ice Control	193,201
	Equipment+	-
	GIS Needs Assessment+	-
	Guard Rail Rehab+	-
	Construction of Public Ways+	150,000
	Construction of Sidewalks, Bicycle Paths, & Footways+	15,000
	North Ave/Church St Intersection+	-
	Stone Retaining Wall Repairs+	10,000
	Cook's Pond Dam Repairs	-
	Monitoring Groundwater - Landfill+	35,000
	Improve/Develop Cemetery Land+	-
	Parks & Cemeteries Improvements+	-
	subtotal Cont Bal Accounts	210,000
Water Division	Large Meter Replacement Program+	-
	Standpipes - Maintenance & Repair+	-
	subtotal	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		2,833,256
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES		
Board of Health	Salaries	172,566
	Expenses	8,630
	Mental Health Services	31,722
	subtotal	212,918
Mosquito Control,		
E. Middlesex Project	Expenses	31,397

Brook School Apartments	Salaries	137,699
	Expenses	257,788
	Repair & Replace Septic System+	-
	Repair & Replace Septic System+	-
	Repairs & Replacements+	77,250
	Debt Service	-
	subtotal	472,737
Council on Aging	Salaries	135,205
	Expenses	11,565
	subtotal	146,770
Youth Counseling Services	Salaries	50,677
	Expenses	1,715
	subtotal	52,392
Alcohol & Drug Education Advisory Committee	Expenses	2,000
Veterans' Benefits	Expenses	1,000
TOTAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES		919,214
CULTURAL & LEISURE SERVICES		
Libraries	Salaries	714,259
	Expenses	158,620
	Library Materials	78,200
	Minuteman Library Network	32,500
	subtotal	983,579
Recreation	Salaries	-
	Expenses	-
	Community Center	-
	Recreation Pickup Truck+	-
	Memorial Pool Complex Improvements+	-
	subtotal	-
TOTAL CULTURAL & LEISURE SERVICES		983,579
TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS		49,264,553

ARTICLE 6 (2):

Mr. Gillespie moved that the compensation for the following elected officers of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, be fixed at:

Town Clerk	\$150
Assessors	\$100

And that all other elected officers of the Town be unpaid.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 6 (3):

Mr. Gillespie moved that five persons be appointed by the Moderator to serve as a Memorial Day Committee in 2006 with authority to expend funds for the 2006 Memorial Day observance from the World War Trust Fund for this purpose.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 6 (4):

Mr. Gillespie moved that in purchasing property or equipment, any allowance for turning in or selling other property or equipment may be applied to the purchase price.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 7: APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Water Division of the Department of Public Works during fiscal year 2006; under the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53F½:

Salaries	\$240,970
Expenses	226,880
MWRA Assessment/Water Purchases	1,268,980
Debt Service (non-exempt)	83,039
Capital Outlay	<u>32,500</u>
Total	\$1,852,369

Said sum to be funded from water receipts.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 8: APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 RECREATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums of money to operate the Recreation Department during fiscal year 2006, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53F½:

Salaries	\$734,585
Expenses	463,650
Community Center	<u>73,200</u>
Total	\$1,271,435

And that \$59,030 to be transferred from the Recreation Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings account as funding therefor.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 9: APPROPRIATE FOR SENIOR SERVICE PROGRAM

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of conducting a Senior Service Program, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish rules and regulations for the conduct of the program.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 10: APPROPRIATE TO BROOK SCHOOL APARTMENTS STABILIZATION FUND

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$86,200 to the Brook School Apartments Stabilization Fund, as provided under M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5B, as amended, to be used for capital repairs and improvements to the Brook School Apartments.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 11: APPROPRIATE TO STABILIZATION FUND

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$100,000 to the Stabilization Fund, as provided under M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5B, as amended, to be used for any lawful purpose, capital budget program or purpose for which the Town may borrow.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 12: APPROPRIATE TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS STABILIZATION FUND

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,000 to the Post Employment Benefits Stabilization Fund, as provided under M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5B, as amended, to be used for post employment benefits.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 13: CONTINUE DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town continue revolving funds for certain Town departments pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005:

Revolving Fund	Authority to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY06 Budget
Recreation Skating Programs	Recreation Director	Program Fees	Program Costs	\$50,000
Historic Marker	Historical Commission	Program Fees	Costs Related to Purchase of Historic Markers	\$1,500
Josiah Smith Tavern	Town Manager	Rental Fees from Women's Community League	Building Repairs and Maintenance (Improvements)	\$6,000
Council on Aging Special Programs	Council on Aging Director	Program Fees	Program Expenses	\$25,000
Town Building Rentals	Town Manager	Rental Fees, Town Hall, Old Library, Josiah Smith Tavern	Utilities, Cleaning, Building Monitor	\$4,000
Board of Health	Health Director	Insurance Reimbursement, Flu Clinics	Vaccine and Medical Supplies	\$4,000

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 14: APPROPRIATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Mr. Gillespie moved that that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated for use by the Board of Selectmen for purchasing real property to preserve its affordable housing status and for the purpose of conveyance as described below, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, to which end the Town Treasurer is authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds or notes of the Town at one time or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them; (2) that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to acquire by gift or purchase any real property already restricted for affordable housing located in the Town of Weston that the Selectmen deem suitable for such purpose, said property to be acquired together with and subject to such existing rights and easements of record as are acceptable to the Selectmen, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine; (3) that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants, reimbursements or payments from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States of America in any way connected with the scope of this Article and to accept any such grants, reimbursements or payments or other gifts of money or land; (4) that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sell and convey all or a portion of such property to a non-profit corporation whose purpose includes the provision of housing for persons of low and moderate income or to buyers who meet the definition of low and moderate income households set by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for monetary or non-monetary consideration and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine, such conveyance to be subject to an affordable housing restriction as defined by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 184,

Section 31; and (5) that the Board of Selectmen be further authorized to enter on behalf of the Town into all agreements and execute, acknowledge, deliver and/or record any and all instruments as the Selectmen deem necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase and conveyance and to comply with the requirements of such grant, reimbursement or purchase programs or gifts, with respect to the property to be acquired under this vote.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 15: ESTABLISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTAL REVOLVING FUND

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town establish an Affordable Housing Rental Revolving Fund, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53E½, and authorize the following expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005:

Name:	Affordable Housing Rental Revolving Fund
Authority to Spend:	Town Manager
Revenue Source:	Rental Income-Housing units with affordable housing restrictions
Use of Funds:	Debt Service, Maintenance, Fees, Upkeep and Legal Fees
FY06 Budget:	\$5,000

The motion was voted unanimously.

Article 16: AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF CHAPTER 90 FUNDS

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to permanently construct, reconstruct, resurface, alter or make specific repairs upon all or portions of various Town Ways and authorize the expenditure of \$287,819 provided or to be provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Highway Department.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 17: AUTHORIZE CONTRACT FOR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for the disposal of the Town's solid waste for a period not exceeding 20 years, which contract may include a provision that the Town shall not be exempt from liability under the contract as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 30B, section 12(f).

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 18: APPROPRIATE THE FY2006 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE OPERATING BUDGET

Ms. Robin Reisman moved that the Town hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2006 Community Preservation budget and appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund:

\$120,000 to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2006;

and further, that the Town reserve for appropriation the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

\$800,000 for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use;

\$250,000 for the acquisition, preservation rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; and

\$450,000 for the creation, preservation and support of community housing.

Mr. Harmon expressed concerns for the state's commitment to match funds.

The motion was voted.

ARTICLE 19: APPROPRIATE FOR DEBT SERVICE – OPEN SPACE

Ms. Reisman moved that the Town appropriate \$322,500 for the principal and interest payments related to the purchase of Open Space known as the Sunday Woods parcel, which was approved for purchase under Article 6 of the May 2002 Annual Town Meeting, said sum to be transferred from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 20: APPROPRIATE FOR DEBT SERVICE – COMMUNITY HOUSING

Ms. Reisman moved that the Town appropriate \$543,444 for the principal and interest payments related to the expansion of the Brook School Apartments, approved under Article 19 of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting, \$453,721 of said sum to be transferred from the Community Housing Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund and \$89,723 to be raised and appropriated from the tax levy.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 21: APPROPRIATE FOR HISTORIC RESOURCES – FISKE LAW OFFICE

Ms. Reisman moved that the Town appropriate \$230,000 from the Historic Resources Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, for historic resource purposes under the Community Preservation Program, to be used for the rehabilitation and restoration of the Fiske Law Office located at 598 Boston Post Road.

Robert Fronk and Judith Markland of the Historical Commission answered questions from the floor regarding the scope of the renovation, saying the footprint of the Fiske office would remain the same, approximately 820 sq. feet; parking would be on the street and on Linwood Avenue.

The motion was voted.

ARTICLE 22: APPROPRIATE FOR OPEN SPACE RESOURCES – FIELD PRESERVATION

Ms. Reisman moved that the Town appropriate \$20,000 from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund, for the preservation of open space under the Community Preservation Program, to be used for the preservation of several fields under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission

Mr. Brian Donohue discussed Ms. Reisman's motion

The motion was voted.

ARTICLE 23: APPROPRIATE FOR OPEN SPACE - NICHOLAS LAND

Ms. Reisman moved that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase for open space purposes under the Community Preservation Program the fee in land located at 0 Church Street in the Town of Weston, Massachusetts containing 4.5 acres more or less being a portion of the land shown on Assessors Map 23, Block 43 and described in deed recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 22657, Page 350 together with easements over land now or formerly owned by Clover Nicholas, said land and easements to be held, managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission, and as funding therefor to transfer \$450,000 from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey concurrently at the closing and in perpetuity a conservation restriction which meets the requirements of G. L. c. 184 §31-33 and which may run to a nonprofit, charitable corporation or foundation with the right to enforce the restriction.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 24: APPROVE PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL INCOME LIMITS

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town establish fiscal year 2006 income eligibility limits of \$60,000 under Chapter 421 of the Acts of 2004, An Act Authorizing the Town of Weston to Regulate Certain Property Tax Exemption Eligibility Requirements for the Elderly.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 25: APPROPRIATE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town appropriate \$217,500 for the cost of departmental equipment for the Department of Public Works and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 26: APPROPRIATE FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town appropriate \$50,000 to reconstruct, resurface, alter or make specific repairs to the roadways, and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 27: APPROPRIATE FOR DRAINAGE REHABILITATION PROJECTS

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town appropriate \$200,000 for the construction or reconstruction of surface drains and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 28: APPROPRIATE FOR GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town appropriate \$70,000 for the purchase and installation of computer hardware, software and other costs related to the implementation of a geographic information system, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 29: APPROPRIATE FOR LIBRARY ROOF REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town appropriate \$450,000 for extraordinary repairs to the Library, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Town Meeting members expressed concerns regarding the roof design, continued repairs and the mounting costs.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted by a Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 30: APPROPRIATE FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town appropriate \$160,000 for the cost of an ambulance for the Fire Department and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time,

and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted by Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 31: APPROPRIATE FOR FIBER OPTIC I-NET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town appropriate \$400,000 for the cost of computer hardware and other data processing equipment and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Mr. Lee McCanne, member of the Technology Advisory Committee explained the status of the current computer hardware and data processing in the Town.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted by a Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 32: APPROPRIATE FOR EMERGENCY PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town appropriate \$30,000 for the cost of an emergency phone notification system and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the Town Manager, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted by a Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 33: APPROPRIATE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL POOL FACILITY HEATING SYSTEM

Ms. Maryanne Rogers moved that the Town appropriate \$80,000 for extraordinary repairs to the Middle School pool facility heating system, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 34: APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

Ms. Bella Wong moved that the Town appropriate \$260,000 for the purchase of computer hardware and other data processing equipment, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted by a Two-Thirds Majority as declared by the moderator.

ARTICLE 35: APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL DEPARTMENT PARKING/ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Edward Heller moved that the Town appropriate \$100,000 for the resurfacing of various school roadways and parking areas, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 36: APPROPRIATE FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY- FIELD SCHOOL

Ms. Wendy Spector moved that the Town appropriate \$50,000 for engineering or architectural services for repairs and improvements to the Field School, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under the authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 37: APPROPRIATE FOR SCHOOL BUS REPLACEMENTS

Mr. Robert Nolan moved that the Town appropriate \$120,000 for the cost of school buses for the School Department and all incidental costs related thereto, to be spent under the direction of the School Committee, the money so appropriated to be raised by borrowing under authority of M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, or any other enabling authority, and that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to prepare, issue and sell bonds and notes of the Town at one time, or from time to time, and to determine in conformity to law the period or periods of the loan or loans, all particulars as to form, issue and sale of said bonds or notes, their annual maturities and the rate and times of payment of interest on them.

Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required. The motion was voted unanimously.

Motion to adjourn until Monday, May 16, 2005.

Motion passes.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, May 16, 2005

The Moderator declared a quorum present. The Moderator appointed a replacement teller, Roger Thomas, and swore him to duties.

**ARTICLE 38: ACCEPT CHAPTER 73, SECTION 4 OF THE ACTS OF 1986
(INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION LIMITS)**

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town accept, for Fiscal Year 2006, the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which amends chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws relative to real estate property tax exemptions and approve an increase in the amount of 100 percent for each eligible exemption.

The motion was voted.

**ARTICLE 39: ACCEPT M.G.L. CHAPTER 60, SECTION 3D - CREATION OF A
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED RESIDENTS**

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 60, section 3D establishing a property tax relief fund for elderly and disabled residents.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 40: CITIZENS' PETITION: ESTABLISH AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Ms. Julie Hyde moved that the Town establish an Agricultural Commission as set forth in Article 40 of the Warrant.

In answer to questions from the floor, Ms. Hyde explained an Agricultural Commission would identify existing farms and encourage the preservation and economic opportunities for the existing farms; nothing in the proposed bylaw would differ from the existing state bylaw. Arthur Uhlir expressed concern that if the Article passed it would weaken the existing Zoning bylaws and Board of Health regulations.

Motion to move the question.

Motion to move the question was passed by two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 41: CITIZENS' PETITION: FARM PRESERVATION BY-LAW

Ms. Hyde moved that the Town amend the Town's General Bylaws by adding a new Article XXX, "Farm Preservation," as set forth in Article 41 of the Warrant.

Mr. Ken Fish asked if the new bylaw would mean one could have a pig farm at any location as the state law does not provide for user protection. Ms. Susan Kannenburg and Mr. Arthur Uhlir both stated the proposal was defective and urged Town Meeting members to defeat the motion.

Motion adopted by the following vote: Yes: 143 No: 86

The Farm Preservation Bylaw adopted under Article 41 reads as follows:

ARTICLE XXX FARM PRESERVATION

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Weston restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Weston by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock including horses;
- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Weston. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

Not later than 21 days after the purchase and sale contract is entered into, or prior to the sale or exchange of real property if no purchase and sale agreement exists, for the purchase or exchange of real property, or prior to the acquisition of a leasehold interest or other possessory interest in real property, located in the Town of Weston, the landowner shall present the buyer or occupant with a disclosure notification which states the following:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers or occupants that the property they are about to acquire or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Buyers or occupants are also informed that the location of property within the Town may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations including the ability to access water services for such property under certain circumstances.”

A copy of the disclosure notification shall be given on a form prepared by the Town and shall be signed by the landowner prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. A copy of the disclosure notification must be filed with the Board of Selectmen or its designee prior to the sale, purchase, exchange or occupancy of such real property. In addition to the above, a copy of this disclosure notification shall be provided by the Town to landowners each fiscal year by mail.

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, in accordance with statute and appropriate bylaws and regulations of the Town. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Board of Selectmen shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, shall forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Weston hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

ARTICLE 42: CITIZENS' PETITION: TOWN OF WESTON RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE

Ms. Lee Marsh moved that the Town petition the General Court for a special act as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RETIREES' GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM CONTRIBUTION IN THE TOWN OF WESTON

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, any employee who retires from the service of the Town of Weston before July 1, 2009 and is enrolled in a health care benefit plan offered by said town as of the effective date of this act, their spouses or dependents shall be entitled to receive from said Town a premium contribution of eighty percent for their group health insurance as long as the retired employee or their eligible dependents remain continuously enrolled in said health care benefit plan or it equivalent, notwithstanding any alteration in health insurance plans or health insurance premiums by said Town. All employees who retire from the service of the Town of Weston on or after July 1, 2009 and are enrolled in a health care benefit plan offered by said town as of the effective date of this act, their spouses or dependents shall be entitled to receive from said Town the same percentage of premium contribution for group health insurance as of the date of their retirement for the first three years of their retirement as long as the retired employee or their eligible dependents remain continuously enrolled in the health care benefit plan or it equivalent, notwithstanding any alteration in health insurance plans or health insurance premiums by said Town.

All retired employees, their spouses and dependents, who are enrolled in Medicare parts A and part B and a Medicare extension plan offered by said Town, shall be entitled to receive from said Town a refund of a portion of the Medicare part B premium, paid by them during a fiscal year, at the same percentage of premium contribution provided by said Town for the Medicare extension plan in which they are enrolled as long as the retired employee or their eligible dependents remain continuously enrolled in such plan or it equivalent, notwithstanding any alteration in such plans or health insurance premiums by said Town.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

And further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill.

Speakers in favor of the motion included Ms. Carol Ott and Mr. Jay Majors. Ms. Marsh explained the need for the petition including the fact retirees are not represented by union, what the past practices, and recapping what discussions from the 2002 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Gillespie opposed the motion as the issue of the Health benefit was very complex, the Town valued the retirees' contributions to the Town but a balance was

needed. Ms. Ann Leibowitz stated it would be unfair to bind the Town with a bylaw and a special law was not the way to address the issue. Ms. Jill McCarthy, member of the Finance Committee also opposed the motion. Ms. Nancy McFarland stated she was glad she was not a retiree from Weston as she receives an 80% benefit from her former employer. Mr. James Beam, speaking individually and as a member of the Finance Committee, opposed the motion saying that members cannot ignore the fact that the Town cannot afford the percentage of health benefit coverage of the motion. Mr. Ed Lashman told Town Meeting members that he reluctantly concluded the proposed solution caused more problem then it would solve, binding the Town to a particular fiscal result, impeding other possible solutions, Mr. David Harmon, Mr. Ed Coburn also spoke against the motion.

Motion to move the question passes.

Mrs. Marsh's motion was defeated by the following vote: : Yes: 108 No: 141

ARTICLE 43: ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53F½ - ENTERPRISE FUND FOR BROOK SCHOOL APARTMENTS

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town accept Massachusetts General Law chapter 44, section 53F ½ establishing a Brook School Apartments Enterprise Fund, to be effective for fiscal year 2007.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 44: ACCEPT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 148, SECTIONS 26G, 26H, AND 26I

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town accept Massachusetts General Law chapter 148, sections 26G, 26H and 26I regarding fire sprinklers in certain buildings

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 45: AUTHORIZE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT - BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Hestnes moved that the Town authorize the Board of Health, with the approval of the Town Manager, to enter into a mutual aid agreement with Boards of Health in other communities, as provided under M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 4A, in order to provide and receive mutual aid and assistance in the event one or more communities requires help in responding to a disaster or emergency.

The motion was voted unanimously.

The Moderator accepted a motion to dissolve the Annual Town Meeting

Motion to dissolve 2005 Annual Town Meeting passes.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

November 28, 2005

Pursuant to a warrant, duly served, Robert M. Buchanan, the Moderator called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Weston High School. The Moderator declared a quorum present and proceeded with the reading of the Warrant and the Return of Service.

ARTICLE 1: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town amend certain parts of the fiscal year 2006 Operating Budget adopted under Article 6 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>
Reserve Fund	\$350,000	\$900,000
Contributory Retirement- Middlesex	2,144,598	2,149,029
Insurance-Group Health/ Life, Medicare	7,853,304	7,844,579
Fire Salaries	2,060,808	2,069,533
Selectmen/Town Manager Salaries	335,015	315,015
Clerks of Committees	113,098	133,098

And that the sum of \$367,986 be raised and appropriated as supplemental funding therefor.

The motion was voted unanimously.

ARTICLE 2: AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2006 WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET

Mr. Gillespie moved that the Town supplement certain parts of the fiscal year 2006 Water Enterprise Fund budget adopted under Article 7 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

	<u>Changing From</u>	<u>Changing To</u>
Capital Outlay	\$32,500	\$63,500

And as funding therefore, that \$31,000 be transferred from Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings.

The motion was voted unanimously.

The Moderator accepted a motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting

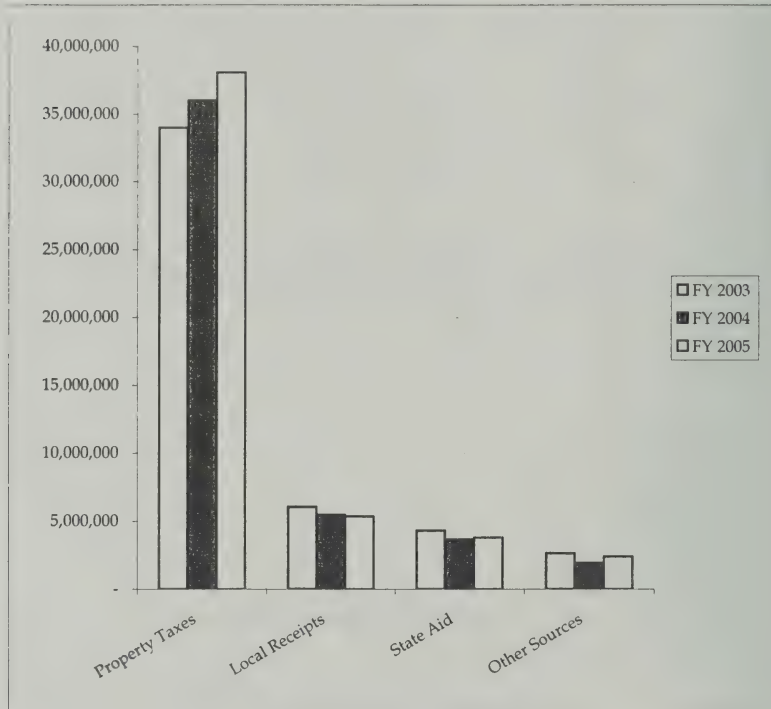
Motion to dissolve the Special Town Meeting passes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fiscal Year 2005

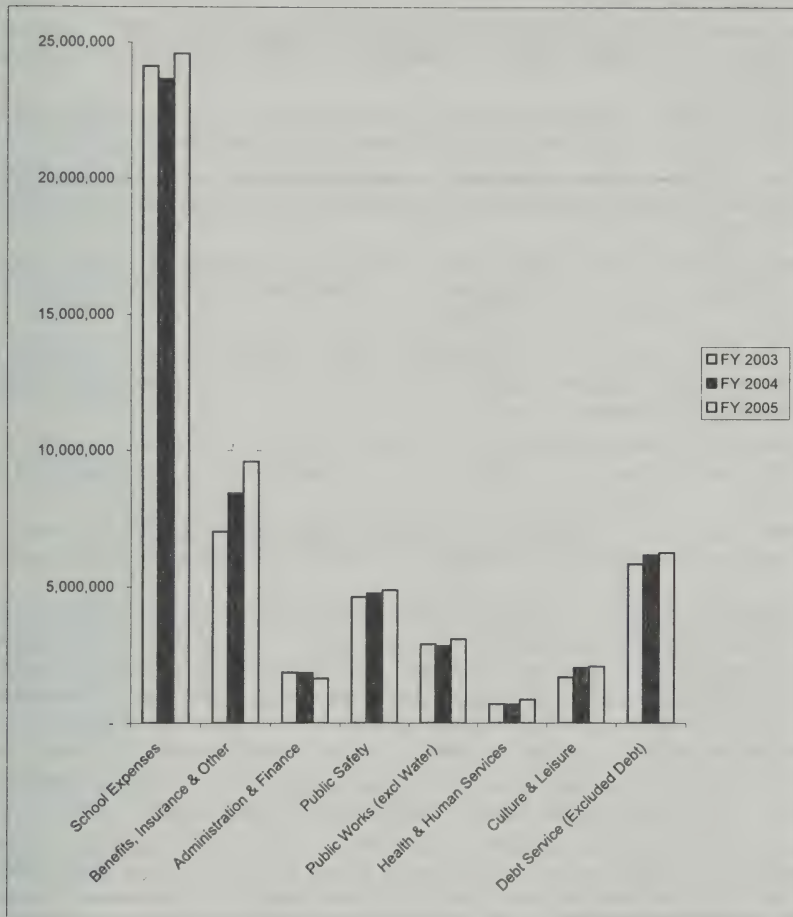
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

SOURCES OF REVENUE FISCAL YEARS 2003 - 2005



	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Property Taxes	34,016,940	36,021,439	38,094,358
Local Receipts	6,073,938	5,506,306	5,366,205
State Aid	4,338,573	3,686,188	3,807,799
Other Sources	2,665,696	1,958,683	2,419,315
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 47,095,147	\$ 47,172,616	\$ 49,687,677

**DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEARS 2003 - 2005**



	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
School Expenses	24,123,176	23,639,082	24,583,640
Benefits, Insurance & Other	7,027,988	8,428,043	9,602,352
Administration & Finance	1,862,124	1,843,406	1,642,276
Public Safety	4,639,701	4,774,187	4,892,986
Public Works (excl Water)	2,911,742	2,830,700	3,088,844
Health & Human Services	709,411	688,451	870,521
Culture & Leisure	1,687,527	2,032,045	2,083,981
Debt Service (Excluded Debt)	5,847,811	6,183,702	6,252,609
Total Expenditures	\$ 48,809,480	\$ 50,419,616	\$ 53,017,209

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Fiscal 2006 Valuation and Tax Rate

- There were approximately 140 arm's length property sales in calendar year 2004. These sales formed the basis for the fiscal year 2006 assessments for Weston's approximately 3,500 residential parcels.
- The total assessed value of all taxable property in Weston was \$4,855,540,000. This was an increase of \$229,917,200 or 4.97% over the FY 2005 total assessed value of \$4,625,622,800.
- FY 2006 new growth, which is comprised of new construction, renovations and other improvements, was reported at \$139,840,800. Excluding new growth, the total assessed value increased by 1.89%.
- The tax rate for FY 2006 (which began on July 1, 2005) was set on December 16, 2005 at \$9.95 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up forty-nine cents from the \$9.46 rate in the previous fiscal year.

Policies and Procedures

- The role of the Board of Assessors is to establish the full fair market value of all properties in Town, using a mass appraisal methodology. The Board's policies and procedures are overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.
- Weston's Board of Assessors revalues every property in town each year to reflect the full estimated fair market value, in compliance with the requirements of the Department of Revenue.
- The FY 2006 assessments were finalized by the Board on November 22, 2005. The Board of Assessors received approval for the valuations on December 5, 2005 from the Department of Revenue.
- On October 28, 2005 the Board of Assessors mailed to all residential property owners Impact Notices with the proposed new valuation of their property. The notice invited property owners, who may have had questions or concerns, to meet with the staff or Board members. These informal meetings were to discuss issues and concerns about their property valuations prior to the Board's finalization of the FY 2006 assessments. There were over 70 meetings held with individual property owners to discuss specific concerns about valuations.
- The Board continued the process of re-inspecting all property in town by extending the engagement of an independent appraisal firm, David L. Velluti and Associates
- FY 2006 assessment information was added to the Town's website – www.weston.org. Within the "Financial Information" section, there is now a listing, by street address, of all taxable properties in Town showing lot size, house size, year built, land assessment, building assessment and the total FY 2006 assessment.

Changes to the Board of Assessors

- In May 2005, a new member was elected to the Board of Assessors:
 - ~ Janice M. Glynn ran unopposed and was elected to a three year term;
 - ~ Alan T. Orth ran unopposed and was re-elected to another three year term;
 - ~ Michael H. Harrity, who was on the Board for two years decided not to run for re-election to the Board but rather he ran for the Board of Selectmen.
- At the May 18, 2005 meeting of the Board of Assessors, Gary Koger was re-elected Chairman.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank the Town Hall staff of Glen Saindon (who resigned his position in April), Marjorie Cohen, Christopher Wilcock, and Eric Josephson for their outstanding assistance to the Board in the performance of its duties. The Board also thanks Michael H. Harrity for his service as a Board member these past two years.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Tallies are based upon the Property Type Classification Codes
established by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Dwelling Houses	3336
Multiple Dwelling Properties	74
Condominiums	146
Non-Exempt Vacant Parcels	183
Accessory Land with Improvements	13
Commercial properties	52
Industrial Properties	2
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61 (Forest Management)	3
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61A (Agricultural/Horticultural)	20
Parcels Classified under Ch. 61B (Recreational Use)	8
Exempt Parcels	333

PROPERTY EXEMPTED UNDER M.G.L., CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5, CLAUSE 3

Trustees of Boston College (Weston Observatory)	3,263,100
Cambridge School, Inc.	15,253,300
Campion Residence & Renewal Center	35,517,500
Margaret Gifford School	6,355,400
Golden Ball Tavern Trust	3,229,900
Her Majesty The Queen	2,250,100
Meadowbrook School of Weston	12,939,500
President & Fellows of Harvard University	15,746,900
Red Barn Nursery School	817,000
Regis College	52,658,000
Rivers Country Day School	28,815,800
Pope John XXIII Nat'l Seminary	11,317,800
Weston College	5,295,500
Wellesley Conservation Council	615,000
Weston Scouts, Inc.	620,000
Weston Community Housing	8,495,200
Weston Forest & Trail Assoc., Inc.	57,242,600
Weston Wing, Inc.	504,500
Weston Open Space Assoc. Inc	853,600
Weston Affordable Housing Foundation	795,500

REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

The Treasurer/Collector's office is a member of the Finance Department. It is staffed by three full time employees in addition to the Treasurer/Collector. Senior Service members assist the office in busy times. The office is responsible for tax, assessment and general billings and collections, the issuing of transfer station decals and cash management.

Tax related duties and responsibilities focus on billing and collecting of real estate, personal property, motor vehicle excise and water usage fees. More than 25,000 tax and 8,000 water bills were mailed out resulting in over \$50 million dollars in revenues. The Community Preservation Fund generated over \$1,202,849 in revenue from local taxes and \$1,122,336 in 2004 State Matching Grant revenue to the town. Other tax related responsibilities include the processing of over 495 municipal lien certificates, tax refunds and the collection of delinquent taxes through tax takings and deputy collector services.

In addition to its tax related duties and responsibilities, the office is also responsible for receiving moneys from the Town's many departments, processing of payment checks for the Town expenditures, maintaining and reconciling over 46 bank and investment accounts, investing Town funds, borrowing short and long term funds, and distributing payroll checks and related taxes and benefits for more than 650 Town and School employees. Over 2,000 transfer station decals were issued this year.

Refunding Bonds issued during the year were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
August 1, 2004	\$ 9,155,000.00	15 years	4.21%

Bonds issued during the year were:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
February 1, 2005	\$ 6,413,000.00	20 years	3.46%

Short-term notes were issued as follows:

\$ 15,000,000@ 3.25%	\$13,909,000@ 3.50%	\$610,000@ 2.85%	\$700,000@3.35%
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TREASURER'S CASH REPORT

	Amount	Total
Cash Balance- June 30, 2004		\$ 26,959,355
Property Tax	43,663,421	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	2,268,567	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	17,077	
Municipal Lien Certificates	12,375	
Interest and Charges	407,115	
Departmental Fees	759,526	
Departmental Rents and Receivables	883,105	
Departmental Miscellaneous Revenue	21,207	
Licenses	20,861	
Permits	881,150	
State Revenue and Reimbursements	3,111,329	
Court Fines and Other Fines	120,833	
Miscellaneous Revenue	7,725	
Other Financing Sources	556,858	
Due to Other Agencies	808,159	
Highway- Chapter 90	729,066	
School Lunch Receipts- Revolving	864,054	
School Grants- Federal & State	1,866,992	
School Gifts and Revolving Accounts	676,938	
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation	38,911	
Town Grants- State	53,936	
Town Other Grants	157,487	
Town Gifts and Revolving Accounts	189,208	
Insurance Recovery	26,983	
Recreation Enterprise Funds	973,854	
Community Preservation Fund	5,028,546	
Water Enterprise Fund	2,135,939	
Capital Projects	34,540,000	
Trust Funds Income	928,477	
Change in Assets	1,435,798	
Total Receipts		\$ 103,185,496
Disbursements		\$ 99,541,688
Cash Balance - June 30, 2005		\$ 30,603,164

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

The three elected Commissioners of Trust Funds are responsible for the investment of securities held in the funds listed below.

The principal values of the eleven funds totaled \$10,045,600 at the end of 2005 compared with \$9,993,617 at the end of 2004. There was a total of \$902,931 of unexpended income in the funds at year-end 2005.

The stock market as measured by the S&P 500 continued its upward movement, though at a much more modest pace, rising 3.0%. Energy costs and the possibility of increasing inflation have become more significant factors, but the most important determinant of performance will continue to be the economy and earnings realized by the companies held in the portfolios.

The Commissioners have continued the investment philosophy of prior years: to keep the stock portion of the various trust fund portfolios fully invested in the common shares of outstanding companies which show a capacity for sustained earnings growth. The commissioners expect that these companies as a group should be able to maintain their superior growth characteristics in the year to come and beyond.

Principal Values as of December 31, 2005

	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
Consolidated Trust Funds	1,815,788	2,679,809
Well Litigation Settlement Trust Fund	1,867,621	2,835,236
Weston Public Schools Fund	134,787	171,769
Josiah Smith Tavern Trust Fund	192,798	271,761
Noyes Library Trust Fund	1,282,343	1,909,066
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund	79,140	86,615
Joseph Mathias Naughton Scholarship Fund	13,215	14,939
Rosamond Sears Library Fund	507,776	688,165
Gladwell Library Fund	380,902	484,892
Elizabeth Paine Library Fund	654,700	752,149
Ella McNutt Morse Scholarship Fund	137,728	154,962

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

BALANCE SHEET - JUNE 30, 2005

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

Operating Cash			7,057,391.86
Petty Cash Reserve			4,045.00
Accrued Revenue			-
Accounts Receivable:			
Taxes:			
Personal Property			
Prior Years	2,368.86		
Levy of 2001	1,306.20		
Levy of 2002	1,190.44		
Levy of 2003	377.87		
Levy of 2004	541.17		
Levy of 2005	397.04		
Levy of 2006	(679.48)	5,502.10	
Real Estate			
Levy of 2001	-		
Levy of 2002	-		
Levy of 2003	-		
Levy of 2004	1,801.93		
Levy of 2005	334,460.27		
Levy of 2006*	(901,428.83)	(565,166.63)	(559,664.53)
Provision for Overlay - Prior Yrs	(1,851.44)		
Provision for Overlay - 2001	(14,080.52)		
Provision for Overlay - 2002	9,151.35		
Provision for Overlay - 2003	(34,319.10)		
Provision for Overlay - 2004	(127,488.71)		
Provision for Overlay - 2005	(336,117.22)		(504,705.64)
Tax Liens Receivable			389,496.84
Deferred Tax Liens			458,172.47
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:			
Prior Year Levies	16,578.60		
Levy of 2000	6,377.78		
Levy of 2001	3,450.11		
Levy of 2002	2,408.14		
Levy of 2003	5,376.38		
Levy of 2004	19,227.21		
Levy of 2005	193,344.81		246,763.03
Departmental:			
Town Property Rentals	2,682.39		
Board of Health	755.00		
Brook School Rental Receivable	(40.00)		
Mass Turnpike Authority	8,350.00		
Ambulance Receivable	173,254.47		

*Prepaid 2006 taxes

Emergency Fees Receivable	1,800.00	
Fire Department	-	
School Department	3,131.00	
Water Department:	-	189,932.86
Total Assets		<u>7,281,431.89</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities		
Warrants Payable		846,184.86
Payroll Withholding		91,346.56
Deferred Revenue		
Real Estate/Personal Property Tax	(1,064,370.17)	
Deferred Rev Deferred taxes	458,172.47	
Deferred Tax Liens	389,496.84	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	246,763.03	
Water Miscellaneous	-	
Departmental	189,932.86	
Subtotal - Deferred Revenue		219,995.03
Other Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		1,157,526.45
Reserve for Encumbrance Carryovers		1,600,535.89
Reserve for Expenditures		1,400,000.00
Continuing Appropriation-c/fwd		802,590.55
Taxes recd for subsequent year		902,108.31
Undesignated Fund Balance		1,418,670.89
Reserved for Overlay Excess		-
Total Fund Balances		<u>6,123,905.64</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>7,281,432.09</u>

AGENCY FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash	1,069,105.84
Cash - Student Activity -High School	<u>50,815.54</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,119,921.38</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	-
Fund Balances:	
Off Duty Details & Ambulance Receivable	19,565.36
Tailings	79,248.77
Conservation Consulting Deposits	4,450.00
Security & Developer Deposits	<u>1,016,657.25</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>1,119,921.38</u>

RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION

ASSETS

Cash	<u>860,296.38</u>
Total Assets	<u>860,296.38</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	-
Fund Balances:	
Sale of Land	3,600.00
Wetlands Protection	9,799.36
Sale of Cemetery Lots	63,269.23

Accrued Income-Well Litigation	254,751.22	
Fire Department Easement	10,000.00	
Bond Premiums Reserve	516,544.67	
Church St/Coldstream Land	957.45	
Insurance Recovery over 20K	1,374.45	<u>860,296.38</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>860,296.38</u>

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUND
ASSETS

Cash	-
Due from State	-
Authorized Projects/unspent	<u>263,133.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>263,133.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Authorized Projects -offset	<u>263,133.00</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>263,133.00</u>

HEALTH TRUST FUND
ASSETS

Cash	<u>1,496,776.09</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,496,776.09</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance-Health Trust	<u>1,496,776.09</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>1,496,776.09</u>

GIFTS AND GRANTS
ASSETS

Cash	377,050.43
Due from the state	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>378,550.43</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	

Affordable Housing revolving	(241.25)
Alcohol & Drug Education	75.00
Board of Health - Flu Clinic Revol	3,871.15
Brook School Maintenance	44,191.79
Ambulance Gifts	303.50
COA Program Gifts	5,158.78
COA Miscellaneous Gifts	15,922.35
COA Transportation	6,138.27
Library, General Purposes	92,729.14
Library, Madelyn Wetmore	494.00
Library, Materials Replacement	6,034.83
Library, Misc. Gifts	3,040.00
Library Rental	2,290.00
Memorial Flags--9/11	727.65
Insurance Recovery Revolving	493.96
Mobile Data Terminal	673.50
Recreation - Cambridge Trust Band Concert	4,100.00
Recycling Consultant Gift	600.00
Recycling Education Gifts	79.30

Community Center Gifts	1,951.09	
Fire Misc. Equip. Gifts	5,320.14	
Parks - George Bates Gift	5,592.00	
Traffic Advisory Comm. Gifts	300.00	
Historical Markers Revolving	-	
Historical Commission Gifts	1,044.26	
Police Misc. & Computer Gifts	4,012.34	
J.Smith Tavern Revolving	4,596.80	
Tavernside Park (Rec) Gift	1,500.00	
Town Buildings Rental Revolving	(1,900.50)	
Volleyball Improvement Gifts	4,371.09	
Wayland 4H Dickson Ring	-	
School Property - Rest	1,012.27	
School Buses	1,271.10	
Landscaping & Lawnmower	600.00	216,352.56

Grants:

Bullet Proof Vest F-T-S	(1,547.39)	
Arts Lottery (Cultural Council)	1,230.71	
COA Formula Grant	-	
Police Drug Task Force	950.27	
Community Policing	25,211.59	
Police Watch Your Car	75.00	
Fire -Operation Safety	(368.27)	
Fire Grant, School Safety	152.59	
Fire-Civil Defense	250.00	
Board of Health Grant-Flu Vaccines	199.99	
Board of Health - Other	20.00	
Law Enforcement Trust	12,665.37	
Drug Task Force	2,494.73	
Library Incentive	26,034.72	
Library Metrowest Rep. Sys.	5,310.39	
Library Municipal Equalization	14,573.90	
Library Non-Resident Circulation	45,338.66	
Fire - Local Preparedness Grant	(4,300.00)	
MWRA Fire Rescue Team	232.97	
MWRA Fire Dept. Equipment	617.22	
MWRA Fire Surface Rescue	291.13	
MWRA Fire Training	26.00	
MWRA Fire Dept. Liaison	2,378.84	
MWRA Tree Replacement	24,311.27	
MWRA Engineering & Tech Asst	6,048.18	
MTPC Waste to Energy	-	162,197.87
Total Fund Balances		378,550.43
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		378,550.43

SPECIAL SCHOOL FUNDS

ASSETS

Cash	779,278.08
Due from the State	-
Total Assets	779,278.08

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	-
Total Liabilities	-
School Lunch Fund	214,824.90
School Gifts/Revolving:	
Athletic Revolving	15,549.08
Lost & Damaged Books Revolving	34,511.88

Student Activity Revolving		6,411.17
Music Revolving		15,760.59
Drama Revolving		9,361.15
Non Resident Tuition Revolving		15,154.14
Guidance Revolving		4,451.61
School Gifts		53,863.26
METCO Transportation Gift		18,900.00
Integrated Preschool Program		132,536.38
Encumbrances		476.67
GRANTS:		
Encumbrances	16,570.71	
METCO Racial Imbalance	(1,711.94)	
Idea Preschool	34,563.17	
Idea Preschool - FY05	(15,593.66)	
Title VI Chapter II	2,695.96	
Parent Involvement	51.55	
IEP Training	803.51	
Enhanced School Health	(246.94)	
Enhanced School Health - FY05	8,740.62	
Project Mainstream	(96.00)	
DDE, Title II	(972.72)	
Presidential Math	1,838.38	
Early Childhood Education	(9,828.05)	
Early Childhood Education	(2,363.80)	
Early Childhood - FY05	1,840.00	
Academic State	6,780.00	
Special Education 252	23,346.45	
Advanced Placement	86.63	
Keyspan Gift (Buses)	15,000.00	
Title I	-	
2000 Induction/Mentor	109.30	
Health - Smoking Cessation	10,727.91	
METCO Special	61,874.00	
METCO - FY05	25,218.83	
Safe Schools	67.17	
Curriculum Frameworks	(92.00)	
Mass. Dept. of Sci. & Math	7,677.00	
Access to Curr. Frmwk/SPED	(1,091.02)	
Resid Reimb - SPED	66,018.86	
Drug Free Schools	4,333.93	
Drug Free - FY05	2,389.35	
Class Size Reduction	(3,000.00)	
Academic Support	3,000.00	
Title V	1,672.62	
Title V - FY05	56.12	
Summer Academic Support	-	
Summer Success	-	
State Assessment	-	
Teacher Quality	217.44	
FY05 - Teacher Quality	(3,207.80)	
Mental Health Support	1.67	
Early Childhood Training	-	257,477.25
Total Fund Balances		<u>779,278.08</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>779,278.08</u>

RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUND**ASSETS**

Cash		<u>245,978.57</u>
Total Assets		<u>245,978.57</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable		-
Reserved for Encumbrances		11,071.24
Reserved for Expenditures		60,000.00
Undesignated Fund Balance		<u>174,907.33</u>
Total Fund Balances		245,978.57
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>245,978.57</u>

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND**ASSETS**

Cash		5,277,128.94
Surcharge Receivable 2006*	(24,878.41)	
Surcharge Receivable 2005	7,912.55	
Surcharge TT Liens 2002	42.88	
Surcharge TT Liens 2003	523.75	
Surcharge TT Liens 2004	879.97	
Surcharge TT Liens 2005	<u>6,014.98</u>	(9,504.28)
Total Assets		<u>5,267,624.66</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Deferred Revenue - Surcharge	(16,845.42)	-
Deferred Revenue - Surcharge TT Liens	<u>7,341.14</u>	(9,504.28)
Reserved for Encumbrances	-	
Available for Approp.	4,296,696.95	
Open Space Reserve	23,636.84	
Historic Resources Resv.	616,582.70	
Community Housing Resv.	<u>340,212.45</u>	-
Total Fund Balances		5,277,128.94
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>5,267,624.66</u>

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND**ASSETS**

Cash	454,657.54	
Water TaxTitle Receivable - 2004	111.73	
Water Tax Title Receivable - 2005	3,307.48	
Water Liens Receivable - 2005	2,196.78	
Water Rates Receivable - 2004	40,604.96	
Water Misc Receivable	11,930.74	
Amount to be provided	<u>200,000.00</u>	
Total Assets		<u>712,809.23</u>

*Prepaid 2006 surcharges

Warrants Payable		
Bans Payable	200,000.00	
Deferred Revenue -Water Rates	40,604.96	
Deferred Revenue -Water Liens	2,185.97	
Deferred Revenue -Water Charges	11,930.74	
Deferred Revenue-Water Tax Title	<u>3,283.38</u>	
Total Liabilities		258,005.05
Reserved for Encumbrances	4,797.07	
Fund Balance-Capital Projects	299,139.69	
Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>150,867.42</u>	
Total Fund Balances		<u>454,804.18</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>712,809.23</u>

CAPITAL PROJECTS

ASSETS

Cash	3,417,145.44	
Amounts to be Provided - BANS	<u>29,386,452.00</u>	
Total Assets		<u>32,803,597.44</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable		-
Bond Anticipation Notes:		
Due to Commonwealth	67,452.00	
Landfill Mitigation	180,000.00	
GIS Phase 2	150,000.00	
Surface Drains	200,000.00	
School Vehicles	120,000.00	
DPW Equipment	300,000.00	
Elementary School Renovation	24,904,000.00	
Brook School - Design	25,000.00	
Brook School - Renovations	2,550,000.00	
Affordable Housing	120,000.00	
School Technology	130,000.00	
Case Roads & Parking	40,000.00	
Fire Station Roof	250,000.00	
Fire Station-Main Roof	<u>350,000.00</u>	29,386,452.00
Total Liabilities		<u>29,386,452.00</u>

Fund Balances		
Campion Center Land	1,000.00	
Computer Hardware	2,823.40	
Computer Software	5,972.98	
Brook School Renovations	(97,197.90)	
Town Hall/Old Library Renovation	193,054.15	
Sidewalk Snowblower	1,447.97	
Street Sweeper	4,380.74	
Cook's Pond	16,650.00	
EPA - Phase III	1,502.30	
Water Main Projects	289,840.11	
Linwood Cemetery	1,652.18	
Sewerage Treatment Projects	22,460.13	
DPW Equipment	350,595.00	
DPW Salt Shed	170,507.82	
DPW Vehicle	255.00	
Surface Drains Projects	205,415.75	
School Fire Alarm	15,346.83	
High School Football, Bleachers	<u>13,500.00</u>	

School Dept. Mower	8,304.16	
Middle School Renovation	-	
High School Renovations	27,585.47	
Wellesley Resurfacing	10,375.76	
Case Roadway	43,381.64	
Landfill Mitigation	183,881.00	
Road Repairs	100,000.00	
Fire Station-Main Roof	332,083.74	
Fire Station- Roof	232,900.98	
GIS Implementaation	107,494.65	
School Vehicles	149,348.00	
Country/Woodland	226,645.09	
School Technology	139,083.59	
Fund Balances - Reserved	<u>656,854.90</u>	
Total Fund Balances		<u>3,417,145.44</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>32,803,597.44</u>

**CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS - PRINCIPAL
ASSETS**

Operating Cash	49,878.69
Unrealized Gains - Market Value	-
Savings	21,573.75
Bonds @ Book Value	1,429,799.96
Stocks @ Cost	<u>1,544,070.60</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,045,323.00</u>

FUND BALANCES

Library Funds:		
Waldo Noyes Library Trust	1,198,748.88	
Group A	66,002.23	
Group B	7,594.74	
Group C	23,937.54	
Group D	1,386.14	
Group E	17,229.44	
Group F	<u>43,678.51</u>	1,358,577.48
H. S. Sears Funds:		
School Prize Fund	6,489.38	
Scholarship Fund	30,279.57	
Teachers' Home Fund	21,672.23	
Athletic Field Fund	10,818.44	
Town Common Fund	22,384.91	
Trees and Shrubs Fund	<u>10,818.46</u>	102,462.99
B. Loring Young Fund	577.26	
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	15,607.02	
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	289,173.18	
Charles O. Richardson Educational Fund	8,847.28	
Dana W. Carter Memorial Fund	27,161.78	
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	396.57	
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	396.30	
Elizabeth L. Sweet Cemetery Fund	929.31	
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	981.56	
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	585.69	
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	982.09	
Ida Scott Williams Care of Monument Fund	974.54	
Lena B. Guthrie Memorial Flower Fund	904.31	
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	989.19	
Agnes B. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,973.07	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	<u>789,235.56</u>	

ICE Award	5,588.71	
Eula B. Mitchell Flower Fund	810.14	
Will A. & Emily Davenport Library Fund	216,634.33	
Eleanor M. Callow Arts Fund	33,481.91	
Helen V. Zolla COA Activity Fund	18,139.35	
Trees & Shrubs Plant. & Maint. Fund	1,805.18	
James H. Messing Trust Fund	32,428.66	
McNutt Morse Scholarship	135,679.54	1,584,282.53
Total Fund Balances		<u>3,045,323.00</u>

CONSOLIDATED TRUST FUNDS - INCOME

ASSETS

Operating Cash	419,123.43
Savings Inc-Waldo Noyes	90,811.79
Savings Inc -McNutt Morse Schol	<u>4,776.95</u>
Total Assets	<u>514,712.17</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable	-
Total Liabilities	-

Library Funds:

Waldo Noyes Library	90,811.79	
Group A	33,748.63	
Group B	509.33	
Group C	7,138.94	
Group D	2,445.34	
Group E	7,341.55	
Group F	<u>20,925.83</u>	162,921.41

H. S. Sears Funds:

School Prize Fund	2,966.60	
Scholarship Fund	10,478.13	
Teachers' Home Fund	14,330.74	
Athletic Field Fund	5,611.10	
Town Common Fund	40,543.06	
Trees and Shrubs Fund	<u>28,661.56</u>	102,591.19

B. Loring Young Fund	390.45
Merriam Fund for Silent Poor	2,367.23
Weston War Memorial Educational Fund	15,975.40
Charles O. Richardson Educational Fund	14,012.14
Dana W. Carter Memorial Fund	5,878.65
Alpheus Cutter Cemetery Fund	2,052.06
Emma F. Stedman Cemetery Fund	323.88
Elizabeth L. Sweet Cemetery Fund	2,426.02
Elizabeth E. Irving Decoration Fund	1,305.03
Laura S. McAuliffe Decoration Fund	1,099.12
Laura S. McAuliffe Monument Fund	3,929.04
Ida Scott Williams Care of Monument Fund	3,393.98
Lena B. Guthrie Memorial Flower Fund	856.27
E. B. Field Perpetual Care Fund	4,247.59
Agnes B. Brock Perpetual Care Fund	1,500.03
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	56,577.03
ICE Award	1,885.79
Eula B. Mitchell Flower Fund	405.94
Will A. & Emily Davenport Library Fund	94,000.79
Eleanor M. Callow Arts Fund	17,220.45
Helen V. Zolla COA Activity Fund	7,876.61
Trees & Shrubs Plant. & Maint. Fund	670.94
James H. Messing Trust Fund	6,028.18

McNutt Morse Scholarship	4,776.95	249,199.57
Total Fund Balances		<u>514,712.17</u>

OTHER TRUST FUNDS

ASSETS

Operating Cash		2,330,082.49
Bonds @ Book Value		1,472,467.35
Common Stocks - at Cost		<u>2,086,375.16</u>
Total Assets		<u>5,888,925.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Warrants Payable/Encumbrances		(867.70)
Conservation Land Trust		711,781.96
Alpheus Cutter Monument Fund		3,860.38
Alice F. Warren Memorial Library Fund		80,514.29
Alice F. Warren Historical Fund		4,983.05
H. S. Sears Town Hall Fund		746.86
World War Trust Fund		68,292.20
Stabilization Fund		12,420.83
Joseph M. Naughton Scholarship Fund		12,479.57
Joseph M. Naughton Memorial Fund		18,970.05
Josiah Smith Tavern Fund - Principal	182,215.72	
Josiah Smith Tavern Fund - Income	<u>10,023.74</u>	192,239.46
Well Litigation Settlement Trust Fund		2,021,353.31
Weston Public School Fund - Principal	131,778.99	-
Weston Public School Fund - Income	<u>21,758.09</u>	153,537.08
Charles E. Mead Library Trust Fund		80,624.90
Ben Sandalls Memorial Fund		87,387.13
Rosamond Sears Library Fund - Principal	512,844.17	
Rosamond Sears Library Fund - Income	<u>113,436.47</u>	626,280.64
Weston Educational Enrichment Fund		543,373.34
E. Paine Library Trust		660,715.59
E. Paine Council on Aging Trust		6,012.18
Gladwell/Barton Library Fund - Principal	383,939.87	
Gladwell/Barton Library Fund - Income	<u>45,421.65</u>	429,361.52
Prior Year Encumbrance		-
McNutt Morse Library		150,149.65
McNutt/Morse COA		24,708.79
		<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances		<u>5,888,925.08</u>

LONG-TERM DEBT

ASSETS

Amount to be Provided for Long-Term Debt		55,662,131.00
Bonds Authorized and Unissued		<u>33,956,170.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>89,618,301.00</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Bond Anticipation Notes		29,519,000.00
Bonds Payable - Inside Debt Limit		52,477,157.00
Bonds Payable - Outside Debt Limit		<u>3,184,974.00</u>
Total Liabilities		85,181,131.00
Fund Balance, Bonds Authorized and Unissued		<u>4,437,170.00</u>
Total Fund Balance		4,437,170.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		<u>89,618,301.00</u>

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005

July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Accounts indicated by + are continuing appropriations, the balances of which shall be carried forward to the next year. In cases where an amount is carried forward without this designation, the appropriation has been obligated for the payment of liability

TITLE OF APPROPRIATIONS OR FUNDS	APPROPRIATIONS FY2005 & BALANCES July 1-2004	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION & BALANCES C/FWD	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY2005	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY2006	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY2006
GENERAL FUND						
Unclassified						
Insurance and Fringe Benefits	180,000.00	-	-	166,104.00	-	13,896.00
Insurance, Workers' Compensation	50,000.00	-	-	33,022.59	2,644.00	14,333.41
Unemployment Compensation	6,580,175.00	100,000.00	8,200.00	6,630,697.37	-	57,677.63
Insurance-Group Health/Life, Medicare	1,800,000.00	-	-	1,795,236.00	-	4,764.00
Contributory Retirement - Middlesex	6,500.00	7,054.49	32,000.00	43,541.55	2,012.94	-
Public Safety - Injured on duty+	340,089.00	-	-	325,670.00	-	14,419.00
Insurance - Property & Liability	10,000.00	2,823.40	-	500.00	12,323.40	-
Uninsured Losses+	8,966,764.00	109,877.89	40,200.00	8,994,771.51	16,980.34	105,090.04
subtotal						
				8,994,771.51	16,980.34	105,090.04
Compensated Absence Fund+	50,600.00	25,078.80	-	43,149.99	3,654.26	28,874.55
Street Lighting	111,300.00	-	-	107,090.19	440.78	3,769.03
Reserve Fund	350,000.00	57,000.00	(278,000.00)	-	-	129,000.00
Debt Service (non-excluded)	100,381.00	85,400.00	-	167,376.15	-	18,404.85
Total Unclassified	9,579,045.00	277,356.69	(237,800.00)	9,312,387.84	21,075.38	285,138.47
General Government						
Selectmen/Town Manager						
Salaries	322,871.00	-	-	322,685.77	-	185.23
Expenses	87,268.00	-	-	71,511.15	1,049.00	14,707.85
Consulting & Professional Service +	15,000.00	41,923.03	-	9,491.43	47,431.60	-
Study Vehicular & Pedestrian Traffic+	-	1,786.00	-	-	1,786.00	-
subtotal	425,139.00	43,709.03	-	403,688.35	50,266.60	14,893.08
Salary Adjustments-Merit	40,006.00	(9,759.97)	-	12,011.70	18,234.33	-
Legal	141,800.00	-	61,500.00	181,317.54	19,739.60	2,242.86
Senior Work Program	-	10,000.00	-	6,000.00	4,000.00	-
Facilities Maintenance						
Salaries	62,468.00	(6,500.00)	-	37,782.14	-	18,185.86
Expenses	105,730.00	6,500.00	-	105,944.61	3,768.00	2,517.39
Town Hall - Equipment +	5,000.00	4,884.16	-	6,200.70	3,683.46	-
Test & Replace Storage Tanks +	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Maint - Building+	-	3,080.00	-	428.80	2,651.20	-
Repairs & Maint - Town Hall+	-	2,790.00	-	-	2,790.00	-
Facilities Improvements-Town-wide+	100,000.00	103,029.57	-	31,799.60	171,229.97	-
subtotal	273,198.00	113,783.73	-	182,155.85	184,122.63	20,703.25

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Weston War Memorial Ed. Fund Comm. Memorial Day	1,200.00 784.00	- -	945.85 581.86	- -	254.15 202.14	- -
Total General Government	882,127.00	157,732.79	786,701.15	276,363.16	38,295.48	-
Finance						
Finance Committee	250.00	-	180.00	-	70.00	-
Finance						
Salaries-Elected Officials	500.00	-	395.83	-	104.17	-
Salaries	551,372.00	1,272.76	528,801.06	-	23,843.70	-
Expenses	134,455.00	-	117,697.44	1,255.56	15,502.00	-
subtotal	686,327.00	1,272.76	646,894.33	1,255.56	39,449.87	-
Salary-Elected Official	150.00	-	150.00	-	-	-
Salaries	84,071.00	1,839.54	85,497.09	16,498.74	214.71	-
Expenses	14,725.00	-	11,189.61	-	3,535.39	-
subtotal	98,946.00	1,839.54	96,836.70	16,498.74	3,750.10	-
Information Systems						
Salaries	90,188.00	-	73,322.42	-	16,865.58	-
Expenses	83,939.00	-	79,537.96	-	4,401.04	-
Computer Hardware Maintenance+	39,650.00	-	52,248.95	17,656.06	-	-
subtotal	213,777.00	30,255.01	205,109.33	17,656.06	21,266.62	-
Total Finance	999,300.00	33,367.31	949,020.36	35,410.36	64,536.59	-
Planning & Land Use						
Clerks of Committees	97,391.00	1,822.15	99,181.38	-	1,031.77	-
Board of Appeals	4,905.00	-	2,110.23	500.00	2,294.77	-
Planning Board	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries	70,641.00	-	65,745.61	-	4,895.39	-
Expenses	37,000.00	-	21,955.48	500.00	14,544.52	-
subtotal	107,641.00	-	87,701.09	500.00	19,439.91	-
Conservation Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservation Fund+	77,350.00	5,000.00	82,315.95	-	34.05	-
Historical Commission	4,500.00	-	4,424.26	-	75.74	-
Crescent Street Historic District Commission	100.00	-	-	-	100.00	-
Total Planning & Land Use	291,887.00	6,822.15	275,732.91	1,000.00	22,976.24	-
Public Safety						
Police Department	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries	2,130,941.00	39,732.03	2,169,308.21	53,585.44	4,779.38	-
Expenses	205,171.00	-	194,122.49	15,648.51	(4,600.00)	-
Cell Improvements+	-	356.00	-	356.00	-	-
Equipment and Apparatus +	47,000.00	409.56	47,000.00	409.56	-	-
subtotal	2,383,112.00	40,497.59	2,410,430.70	69,999.51	179.38	-

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APPROPRIATIONS FY2005 & BALANCES July-1-2004	SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION & BALANCES C/FWD	TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND	EXPENDED DURING FY2005	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO FY2006	TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE FY2006
Fire Department					
Salaries	1,998,802.00	-	2,010,147.31	46,654.69	(0.00)
Expenses	160,270.00	-	187,315.33	947.65	7.02
Hydrant Service	45,000.00	-	44,992.42	-	7.58
Equipment and Apparatus +	12,000.00	988.22	11,203.58	1,784.64	-
Emergency Management+	2,000.00	901.68	2,746.36	155.32	-
Headquarters Available+	-	305.00	305.00	-	-
Fire Alarm Recorder+	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	-
subtotal	2,218,072.00	27,194.90	2,281,710.00	49,542.30	14.60
Inspection Services					
Salaries	126,897.00	-	123,359.21	-	3,537.79
Expenses	10,912.00	-	10,399.51	80.00	432.49
subtotal	137,809.00	-	133,758.72	80.00	3,970.28
Dog Officer					
Salaries	4,980.00	-	4,573.90	-	406.10
Expenses	3,500.00	-	2,291.63	-	1,208.37
subtotal	8,480.00	-	6,865.53	-	1,614.47
Total Public Safety	4,747,473.00	67,692.49	4,832,764.95	119,621.81	5,778.73
Education					
School Department					
Salaries	20,087,077.00	241,706.00	18,908,330.43	1,109,876.19	310,576.38
Instructional, Maintenance & Other Expense	3,555,690.00	(3,437.90)	3,455,825.18	223,521.30	(127,094.38)
Transportation - salaries	628,595.00	(34,974.00)	723,692.12	-	(130,071.12)
Transportation - Expenses	291,277.00	5,519.12	262,480.35	15,919.46	18,396.31
School Garage - Architectural Services+	-	6,250.00	-	6,250.00	-
subtotal	24,562,639.00	215,063.22	23,350,328.08	1,355,566.95	71,807.19
Mindeman Regional Voc Tech Sch. Dist.	52,375.00	-	52,375.00	-	-
Total Education	24,615,014.00	215,063.22	23,402,703.08	1,355,566.95	71,807.19
Public Works					
Salaries	1,392,936.00	2,472.32	1,279,594.80	34,946.18	80,867.34
Expenses	933,613.00	12,000.00	916,907.59	5,558.53	23,146.88
Snow and Ice Control	192,951.00	-	664,448.55	-	(471,497.55)
Equipment+	-	8,899.00	870.95	8,028.05	-
GIS Needs Assessments+	-	882.00	-	882.00	-
Const. & Reconstruct Public Ways +	150,000.00	127,887.15	150,073.23	127,813.92	-
Const. Sidewalks, Paths & Footways +	53,840.00	12,369.75	11,808.04	54,401.71	-
Stone Retaining Wall Repairs	20,000.00	-	11,808.04	20,000.00	-
Monitoring Groundwater - Landfill+	35,000.00	25,926.36	-	36,126.36	-
subtotal	2,778,340.00	190,436.58	3,048,503.16	287,756.75	(367,483.33)

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Health & Human Services							
Board of Health							
Salaries		166,545.00	-	-	152,519.40	-	14,025.60
Expenses		9,430.00	-	1,500.00	6,793.70	-	4,136.30
Mental Health Services		31,722.00	-	-	31,194.00	-	528.00
subtotal		207,697.00	-	1,500.00	190,507.10	-	18,689.90
Mosquito Control, E. Middlesex Project		30,483.00	-	-	30,483.00	-	-
Brook School Apartments							
Salaries		113,855.00	-	-	108,068.73	-	5,786.27
Expenses		251,161.00	14,500.00	14,500.00	248,688.45	12,858.21	16,614.34
Repairs & Replacements +		75,000.00	139,982.38	-	89,110.61	125,881.77	-
subtotal		440,016.00	154,492.38	14,500.00	445,867.79	138,739.98	24,400.61
Council on Aging							
Salaries		119,834.00	8,107.70	-	127,941.00	-	0.70
Expenses		14,805.00	-	-	13,584.22	1,072.59	148.19
subtotal		134,639.00	8,107.70	-	141,525.22	1,072.59	148.89
Youth Counseling Services							
Salaries		51,644.00	531.99	-	48,782.03	-	3,393.96
Expenses		1,865.00	-	-	267.00	1,598.00	1,598.00
subtotal		53,509.00	531.99	-	49,049.03	-	4,991.96
Alcohol & Drug Advisory Committee							
Veteran's Benefits		2,000.00	-	-	500.00	-	1,500.00
		1,000.00	-	-	20.00	-	980.00
Total Health & Human Services		869,344.00	163,132.07	16,000.00	857,952.14	139,812.57	50,711.36
Cultural & Leisure Services							
Libraries							
Salaries		660,833.00	417.79	-	647,275.19	482.69	13,492.91
Expenses		148,921.00	-	-	140,428.24	1,561.97	6,930.79
Library Materials		77,629.00	-	-	77,572.27	-	56.73
Minuteman Library Network +		31,887.00	6,862.96	-	31,686.47	-	7,063.49
		919,270.00	7,280.75	-	896,962.17	2,044.66	27,543.92
Recreation Pick Up Truck+		-	142.00	-	-	142.00	-
Total Cultural & Leisure Services		919,270.00	7,422.75	-	896,962.17	2,186.66	27,543.92
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		45,681,800.00	1,119,026.05	-	44,362,727.76	2,238,793.64	199,304.65

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EXCLUDED DEBT						
Interest on Debt	-	1,990,374.00	-	1,990,374.00	-	-
Bond Anticipation Notes	-	589,124.00	-	589,124.00	-	-
Maturing Debt						
Principal Payments on Permanent Debt	-	2,579,498.00	-	2,579,498.00	-	-
Total of Maturing Debt	-	4,262,235.00	-	4,262,235.00	-	-
TOTAL EXCLUDED DEBT	-	6,841,733.00	-	6,841,733.00	-	-
INTERFUND TRANSFERS						
Transfer to Continuing Balances	-	30,000.00	-	-	-	30,000.00
Transfer to Capital Fund	-	288,000.00	-	258,652.00	-	29,348.00
Transfer to Recreation Enterprise Fund	-	-	-	365,167.00	-	(365,167.00)
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-	318,000.00	-	623,819.00	-	(305,819.00)
STATE ASSESSMENT						
	-	-	-	241,453.00	-	(241,453.00)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	45,681,800.00	8,278,759.05	-	52,069,732.76	2,238,793.64	(347,967.35)
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND						
Salaries	215,652.00	(20,000.00)	-	182,241.05	3,269.78	10,141.16
Expenses	176,528.00	37,462.00	-	218,099.73	1,527.29	54,362.98
MWRA Assessment/Water Purchases	1,065,000.00	(45,000.00)	-	1,013,701.09	-	6,298.91
Debt Service (non-exempt)	52,471.00	-	-	41,570.50	-	10,900.50
Catrock -cleaning+	3,500.00	-	-	2,950.00	-	550.00
Roof Replacement - Warren Avenue+	4,500.00	-	-	4,500.00	-	-
Large Meter Replacement+	7,500.00	-	-	7,500.00	-	-
Art 26.02 - Church / Summer+	-	51,709.00	-	20,520.00	-	31,189.00
Art 22.02 - DPW Vehicle+	-	234.00	-	-	-	234.00
Newton Street Appurtenance+	-	135,000.00	-	100,246.83	-	34,753.17
Water system Equipment+	-	200,000.00	-	-	-	200,000.00
Doublet Hill Storage+	-	21,440.00	-	19,826.00	-	1,614.00
Wellesley Street Pumping+	-	10,800.00	-	-	-	10,800.00
Water Meter Replacement+	-	20,000.00	-	-	-	20,000.00
Transfer to General Fund	-	-	-	238,567.00	-	(238,567.00)
Totals - Water Enterprise Fund	1,525,151.00	471,645.00	-	1,849,722.21	4,797.07	142,276.72
RECREATION ENTERPRISE FUND						
Salaries	671,795.00	(4,336.31)	-	659,988.28	3,000.00	4,460.41
Expenses	379,900.00	82,625.39	-	454,301.82	7,597.29	626.28
Community Center	76,090.00	(7,000.00)	-	68,187.22	475.00	427.78
Totals-Recreation Enterprise Fund	1,127,785.00	71,289.08	-	1,182,487.32	11,072.29	5,514.47

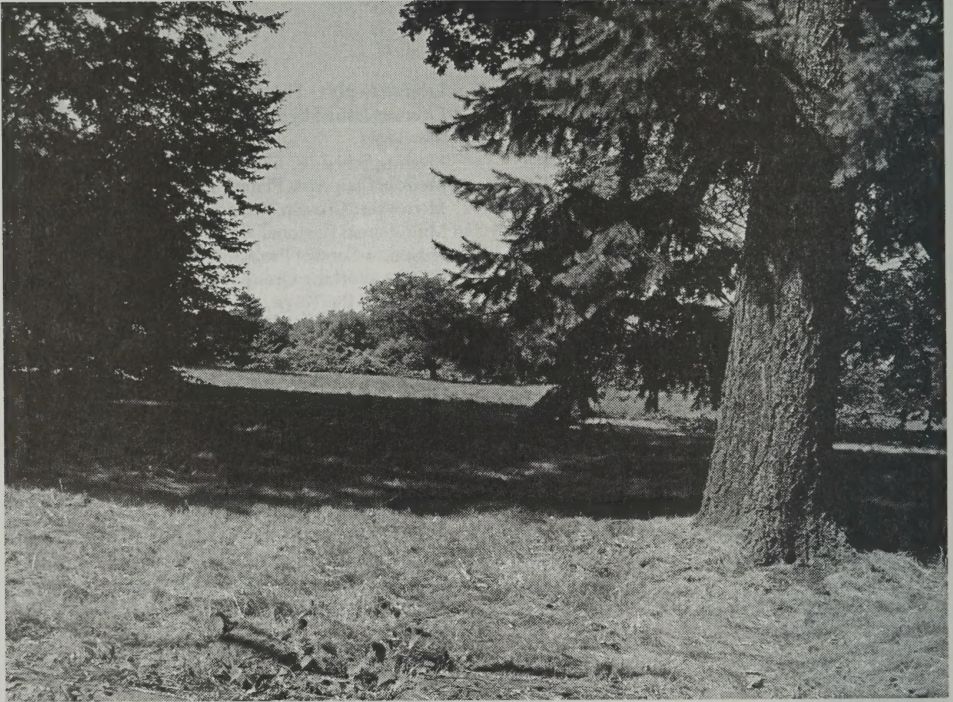
AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED DEBT

DATE AUTHORIZED	PURPOSE	AMOUNT AUTHORIZED	AUTHORIZED & UNISSUED DEBT UNISSUED AUTHORIZED FY2004 IN FY05	PAYDOWNS FY2005	ISSUED FY2005	UNISSUED FY2005
5/11/1974	Conservation (ART 13, 1/99)	1,300,000	265,000			265,000
11/20/1995	Computer Software	265,000	30,000	5,000		25,000
11/20/1995	Computer Hardware	245,000	21,000			21,000
5/12/1997	Purchase Church St. Land	1,700,000	189,000	189,000		-
10/20/1997	Engineering - Sewerage	50,000	30,000			30,000
1/6/1999	Sewage Treatment (ART 3)	366,000	27,000			27,000
11/14/2000	Affordable Housing (ART 7)	120,000	120,000			120,000
3/12/2001	Elem. Sch. Renov. (ART 1)	29,871,000	21,774,000		2,000,000	19,774,000
3/12/2001	Sew. Disp. Town Bldg. (ART2)	250,000	50,000			50,000
6/18/2001	Elem. Sch. Renov. (ART 1)	5,130,000	5,130,000			5,130,000
5/15/2002	Retaining Wall Rehab (ART 20)	100,000	100,000			100,000
5/15/2002	Surface Drains (ART 21)	300,000	285,000			285,000
5/15/2002	Case Complex Roadways (ART 23)	150,000	140,000		100,000	140,000
5/15/2002	Roadways Rehab. (ART 24)	100,000	100,000			-
5/15/2002	Water Sys. Equip. w/ MWRA (ART 26)	225,000	22,670		135,000	-
5/15/2002	Water Sys. Equip. (ART 27) Newton St.	135,000	135,000			-
5/15/2002	Brook Sch. Apt. Arch. Serv. (ART 28)	325,000	325,000	300,000		25,000
11/25/2002	Brook Sch. Apt. Addition (ART 11)	5,650,000	5,650,000		2,600,000	3,050,000
5/12/2003	DPW Bldg. Repairs (ART 18)	28,000	28,000	28,000		-
5/12/2003	Surface Drains (ART 19)	200,000	200,000		200,000	-
5/12/2003	Roadways Rehab. (ART 20)	100,000	100,000		100,000	-
5/12/2003	Library Extraord. Repairs (ART 21)	60,000	60,000			60,000
5/12/2003	GIS Computer Installation (ART 22)	200,000	200,000		200,000	-
5/12/2003	Water Sys. Equip (ART 23)	250,000	250,000			250,000
5/12/2003	Landfill Pollution Mitigation (ART 24)	925,000	925,000		220,000	705,000
5/12/2003	School Vehicles (ART 25)	75,000	75,000	66,000		9,000
5/12/2003	W.H.S./W.M Sch. Roads/Parking (ART 26)	50,000	50,000		50,000	-
5/10/2004	DPW Departmental Equipment (ART21)	263,000	263,000		63,000	200,000
5/10/2004	Reconstruct/Resurface Roadways(ART22)	100,000	100,000		100,000	-
5/10/2004	Surface Drains Reconstruct(ART23)	200,000	200,000			200,000
5/10/2004	DPW-Building Repairs	75,000	75,000		75,000	-
5/10/2004	GIS System & Computer hw&sw(ART25)	200,000	200,000			200,000
5/10/2004	Main Fire Station Roof Repairs	350,000	350,000			350,000
5/10/2004	Fire Dept - Equipment(ART27)	65,000	65,000		65,000	-
5/10/2004	School Technology (ART29)	175,000	175,000		175,000	-
5/10/2004	DPW Salt Shed(ART30)	280,000	280,000		280,000	-

<u>DATE AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED & UNISSUED DEBT UNISSUED FY2004</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED IN FY05</u>	<u>PAYDOWNS FY2005</u>	<u>ISSUED FY2005</u>	<u>UNISSUED FY2005</u>
5/12/2004	School Resurfacing /Paving(ART31)	50,000	50,000				-
5/12/2004	MS/WS Waste Water Facility(ART32)	150,000	150,000			50,000	150,000
5/12/2004	Water Dept Equipment(ART33)	50,000	50,000				50,000
11/29/2004	Fire Station 2 Extraordinary Repairs -Art3	250,000		250,000			250,000
5/9/2005	Fire Station 2 Extraordinary Repairs -Art3	30,000		30,000			30,000
5/11/2005	Affordable Housing #2(Art14)	250,000		250,000			250,000
5/11/2005	DPW Equipment Replacement-ART25	217,500		217,500			217,500
5/11/2005	DPW Roadway Improvements#4(ART26)	50,000		50,000			50,000
5/11/2005	Surface Drains #7 (ART 27)	200,000		200,000			200,000
5/11/2005	GIS Phase #3-(ART28)	70,000		70,000			70,000
5/11/2005	Library Roof Repairs(ART29)	450,000		450,000			450,000
5/11/2005	Fire -Ambulance Replacement-ART30	160,000		160,000			160,000
5/11/2005	Fiber Optic Network -IT (ART31)	400,000		400,000			400,000
5/11/2005	Town Emergency Phone system-ART32	30,000		30,000			30,000
5/11/2005	Middle SchI Facility Healing System-ART33	80,000		80,000			80,000
5/11/2005	School Technology Equip-ART34	260,000		260,000			260,000
5/11/2005	School Parking/Improvements-ART35	100,000		100,000			100,000
5/11/2005	Field School Feasibility Study(ART36)	50,000		50,000			50,000
5/11/2005	School Buses (ART 37)	120,000	-	120,000	-	-	120,000
Authorized and Unissued Debt -FY05		\$ 52,845,500	\$ 38,239,670	\$ 2,717,500	\$ 588,000	\$ 6,413,000	\$ 33,956,170

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